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OBJECT OF THE NATIONAL CONGRESS CLARIFIED

Primary Panchayats To Serve Village Or Part Of Town

NEW DELHI, Feb. 19, (API): The Congress Working Committee, at its second sitting this evening, finalised two resolutions, one relating to the memorial to be raised in memory of Mahatma Gandhi and the other with regard to the future constitution of the Indian national Congress. These resolutions will be placed before the forthcoming session of the A.I.C.C.

All members except Pandit Govind Vallabh Pant, Mr. S. K. Patil, and Mr. Balwantrai Mehta were present. The Labour Minister, Mr. Jagjivan Ram attended by special invitation.

The Committee will meet again tomorrow.

The resolution on Congress constitution says: "The Working Committee recommends the following fundamental principles as the basis for the new constitution of the Congress: The object of the Indian National Congress is the well-being and advancement of the people of India and the establishment of co-operative commonwealth in India based on equality of opportunity and of social, political and economic rights and aiming at world peace and fellowship.

FRANCHISE:

Any person of the age of 12 years and over who accepts the Congress objective will be entitled to vote in the election of a primary Congress panchayat.

There shall be a Primary Congress Panchayat in a village or a group of villages or a part of a town. For the purpose of electing these Primary Panchayats the country will be divided into suitable areas and the elected members of primary panchayats will be roughly in the proportion of 1 to 500 inhabitants. No Panchayat shall consist of less than five persons.

A candidate for election to a Primary Panchayat shall fulfil the following conditions:

"He shall be a habitual wearer of khadi made from hand spun yarn and a teetotaller. He must have abjured untouchability in any shape or form. He must be a believer in inter-communal unity and have respect for all religions. He must also believe in equality of opportunity and status for all irrespective of race, creed or sex".

The annual fee for members of Primary Panchayat will be Re. 1. Candidates for election to Primary Panchayat will pay a fee of Re. 1. The successful candidates will not be required to pay the annual fee for the year in which they are elected.

ELECTION OF DELEGATES:

Members of Primary Panchayats will elect delegates to the Congress who will also form Provincial Congress Committees. The delegates will be ex-officio members of the District and Taluq Congress Committees. Every province shall be entitled to return delegates to the Congress in the proportion of one for every lakh of population.

An effective member shall fulfil the following conditions: (1) he shall be habitual wearer of khadi made from hand spun yarn and a teetotaller. He must have abjured untouchability in any shape or form. He must be a believer in inter-communal unity and have respect for all religions. He must also believe in equality of opportunity and status for all irrespective of race, creed or sex.

(2) He must devote regularly a part of his time to some form of national and constructive activity as laid down from time to time by the Congress and he shall sign a declaration to that effect as per form.....

Only effective members shall be entitled to stand as candidates for all Congress Committees, but the qualifications for a candidate for Primary Congress Committee will be as defined above under 'a Primary Congress Panchayat'.

No member of an elective Congress Committee including the Primary Congress Panchayats will be a member of any other political party which has a separate membership, constitution and programme.

TERM OF CONGRESS COMMITTEE

The term of primary Congress Panchayat and other Congress Committees shall ordinarily be three years.

States: The States which have acceded to the Indian Union shall be treated for the purpose of the Congress organisation as any other part of India. These States will constitute either new provinces or be assigned to existing provinces as the Working Committee may deem fit.

Provinces: The Congress shall function in the Indian Union and the following shall be the Provinces: Ajmehe-Merwara. Bihar; Andhra; West Bengal; Assam; Bombay (City); Delhi. Nagpur; Gujerat; East Punjab; Karnatak; Tamil Nadu; Kerala; United Provinces; Mahakoshal; Utkal Maharashtra; Vidarbha; and such States as may be constituted into separate Congress provinces.

ANNUAL SESSION

The Congress session shall be held every year.

AFFILIATION

The Congress shall affiliate the following autonomous bodies: 1. A. I. S. A. 2. A. I. V. I. A. 3 Hindustani Talimi Sangh; 4 Harijan Sevak Sangh 5 Goseva Sangh.

The actual programme of work to be carried out by Congress workers and Congress Panchayats will be laid down by the Working Committee".

The resolution on the Memorial Fund to be raised in memory of Mahatma Gandhi says:

"The A.I.C.C. approves of the action of the Working Committee in starting a Gandhi National Memorial Fund with the object of furthering the constructive, educational, social and cultural ideals and activities with which Mahatma Gandhi was so intimately connected during his life time, and through the implementation of which he hoped to make India a just, healthy, self-reliant, united and democratic nation, as well as to further the cause of world peace and fellowship; and of collecting, preserving and publishing his writings and teachings in various languages.

The A.I.C.C. endorses the resolution of the Working Committee regarding the Gandhi National Memorial Fund and supports the appeal issued on their behalf by the President to the people to contribute at least ten days' income to this fund".

The A.I.C.C. calls upon all Congress Committees and Congressmen to help the Gandhi National Memorial Committee in the collection of funds and not dissipate their energy and funds by making separate collections for local memorials.

Explosion Over Six States In U.S.A.

KANSAS CITY, Feb. 19. (Reuter): A brilliant explosion was seen high in the sky over six states of the United States today, causing numerous searches for crashed aircraft.

Astronomers believed it might have been caused by an meteor exploding. The flash was seen in Kansas, Oklahoma, Texas, Colorado, Nebraska and Mexico. In Norton, Kansas, the explosion rattled windows in a 35-mile area. No evidence could be obtained of an aircraft crash.

Kher To Broadcast To Youth To-day

BOMBAY, Feb. 19. (A. P. I.): Mr. B. G. Kher, Premier of Bombay, will broadcast from the All-India Radio at 7 p.m., on Friday, Feb. 20. The broadcast will be an address to the youth of Bombay.

LATEST COMMERCIAL

NEW YORK COTTON MARCH.
NEW YORK, Feb. 19.

Previous Closing	31.99
Today's Opening	31.99
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LAST QUOTATIONS.
BOMBAY, Feb. 19.

Cotton Jarila March	Closed.
Silver Bullion Ready	Rs. 148-8
Sovereign	Rs. 68-0
Sovereign	Rs. 63-0

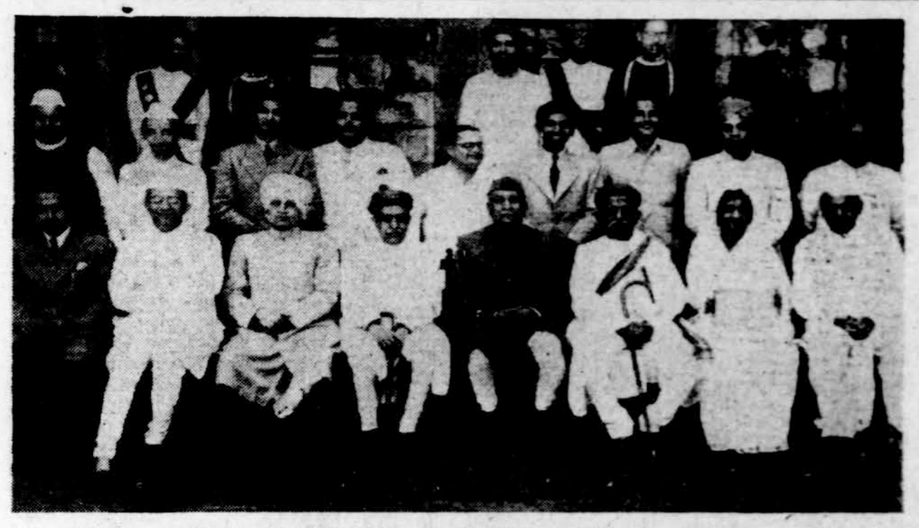
NEW YORK STOCKS.
NEW YORK, Feb. 19.

Thursday's opening prices: Anaconda Copper Mining dol. 31-1/4; General Motors dol. 53; United States Steel Common dol. 70-1/8; Preference unquoted.—Reuter.

CROSS RATES.
LONDON, Feb. 19.

T. T. London on New York 4.0275 Selling, 4.0325 Buying.
NEW YORK, Feb. 19.

T. T. New York on London previous closing 4.02-3/4 to 4.03-1/4. U. S. price of Foreign Silver 74-5/8 cents.



Rulers of Deccan States with Premier B. G. Kher at the Conference on Thursday.

Deccan States Rulers Sign Merger Agreement

Administration To Be Taken Over By Bombay From March 1

BOMBAY, Thursday.

A Press Note issued by the Director of Publicity, Government of Bombay, on the Conference of Rulers of Deccan States in Bombay today states:—

A conference of the Rulers of the Deccan States was held today in the Council Hall at which the Premier of Bombay, Mr. B. G. Kher, presided. Rulers of thirteen States were present.

Addressing the conference, the Premier referred to the deep and abiding interest which Mahatma Gandhi took in the affairs of the States and to his ardent desire to see the subjects of the States shouldering full responsibility for their Governance as in the adjoining Provinces of India.

MERGER EFFECTIVE ON MARCH 1

The merger agreements were signed by the Rulers, one of the clauses being that the actual merger will come into effect from March 1, 1948.

The total area of these states is about 6,500 square miles and the average annual revenue is about one crore and twenty lakhs and the population over 15 lakhs.

Mr. Kher, in the course of his address to the conference said: "Today the occasion is historic. You have assembled here not to display your pomp and splendour but to record the commission of a great act of self-sacrifice on your part in the larger interests of the people of your States, of the Dominion of India and of yourselves.

"This step you are now taking, and I congratulate you on your wisdom, foresight, and statesmanship. I am glad you have risen to the occasion and you have every reason to be proud of yourselves.

NEW ADMINISTRATION

"In recognition of your sacrifices, the Central Government has offered you generous terms, and I have no doubt that you will regard them as satisfactory. My Government will do everything in its power to maintain an efficient, impartial and just administration in your states and to undertake economic, social and educational development at as rapid a pace as possible. In this task not only the co-operation of your people will be sought but your own co-operation also.

"You have an important part to play in reconstructing the future of these areas with which you and your ancestors have been associated for centuries past. After you have handed over the administration of your states, I should like you not to be content with a life of ease and luxury, but would urge you to bend your energies towards working for the amelioration of your people.

By your act of renunciation, your territories and peoples will be absorbed in this Province and the administration will be integrated with the administration of this Province. It is a matter of gratification and joy that your sacrifice is purely voluntary.

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Indian Army Holds Key

Mrs. Asaf Ali On Kashmir Problem

NEW Delhi, Feb. 19. (A. P. I.): Addressing a public meeting in Azad Park here today, Sheikh Mohd. Abdullah, head of the Kashmir Emergency Administration, said that there was no cause for disappointment over what had happened in the Security Council over the Kashmir issue.

"Reference to the Security Council was only a means to an end, and for the attainment of our objective what will matter, in the ultimate analysis of things, is our own strength and not a U.N.O. award", he said.

The Socialist leader, Mrs. Aruna Asaf Ali, who presided over the meeting, said that the fate of India was linked with that of Kashmir. But they must not attach much importance to the decision of the Security Council, because it would be a mere paper award with nothing substantial to back it. The real decision would not be taken in Lake Success, but in the mountains of Jammu and Kashmir, and the problem would remain unsolved as long as the Indian armies were not strong enough to drive all tribesmen out of its territories.

Pakistan had described the raiders as fighters for the freedom of the people of Kashmir, she said, "but where were these champions of freedom when Sheikh Abdullah and his men were fighting against the autocratic rule of the Maharaja".

Drastic Cut In Petrol Ration?

Centre Formulating Measures To Combat Short Supply

(From Our Correspondent)
NEW DELHI Feb. 19.

A drastic cut in petrol ration is envisaged here. The Anglo-American oil combines, I learn, have expressed their inability to supply India with motor spirit and other oils in quantities they have been supplying so far. Government is likely to stop all petrol supplies to the Aero clubs and take all other steps to conserve supplies by cutting down unessential consumption of petrol. Diesel oil is already not available in the market and distribution and sale of this oil is being strictly controlled by Government. The scarcity of Diesel oil is likely to affect industrial and agricultural projects adversely, it is claimed here. Petrol rationing, it is thus seen, will be made more stringent in the near future. The Government is also considering to stop import of high powered motor cars in order to make better use of petrol. Enquiries show that petrol ration will progressively be increased in 1949.

CONDEMNED INDONESIANS APPEAL AGAINST SENTENCE

BATAVIA, Feb. 19. (Reuter): Six Indonesians today appealed against the death sentence passed on them on February 10 by a Batavia Court, which found them guilty of having been implicated in the throwing of three hand grenades in the city streets, which caused casualties among Dutch soldiers.

Their appeal will be heard by a higher Dutch Military Court.

UNION TO BEAR FULL BURDEN

Of All Public Loans Of Undivided Indian Govt.

KARACHI, Feb. 19. (A.P.I.): The Government of the Indian Union, it is learned, is now responsible to the public for all outstanding loans of the former undivided Government of India both in respect of capital and interest.

Pakistan's share of the outstanding loans, it is further learned, will be calculated and paid with interest by the Government of Pakistan to the Indian Union Government in equated instalments over fifty years starting from 1952.

BAO DAI'S TALKS CREATE TROUBLE

PARIS, Feb. 19. (Reuter): The official denial of the resignation of M. Emile Bollaert, French High Commissioner in Indo-China, was referred to by the left-wing resistance paper "Combat" to-day.

"If the denial referred to the resignation of the High Commissioner", said the paper, "it is none the less true that M. Bollaert could hardly have appreciated the direct 'contacts' which Foreign Minister Georges Bidault has recently had with ex-Emperor Bao Dai.

In a letter addressed to the President of the National Assembly M. Edward Herriot, M. Bollaert is believed to have asked M. Herriot to inform the Premier, Robert Schuman, of the difficulties which have resulted for him from M. Georges Bidault's conversations".

LABOUR RETAINS SEAT

GLASGOW (Scotland), Feb. 19. (Reuter): Labour today retained the Parliamentary seat for Paisley, near Glasgow, when Scotland's Solicitor-General, Mr. Douglas H. Johnston, was elected by a majority of 6,545 over his national opponent, Mr. J. John MacCormick.

STERLING TALKS

KARACHI, Feb. 19, (A.P.I.): Prolonged talks were again held today on the question of Sterling Balances between the Pakistan delegation and the British delegation.

Further talks wil take place tomorrow.

STOP PRESS

26 DROWNED IN TURKEY FLOODS

ISTANBUL, Feb. 19. (U.P.A.): Delayed reports said today that 26 persons were drowned when flood waters washed away buildings in Incirlik, a suburb of Adana.

SPANISH PRETENDER AND WIFE ARRIVE IN CUBA

HAVANA, Feb. 19. (U.P.A.): The Spanish pretender, Don Juan, and his wife and secretary arrived at the airport of Ranchoboyeras today to visit King Leopold of Belgium who plans to undertake a cruise with his guests.

IRAQ DISSOLVES PARLIAMENT

BAGDAD, Feb. 19. (Reuter): The Iraq Government desided tonight to dissolve Parliament "because it does not represent the nation and was illegally elected".

IMAM OF YEMEN ASSASSINATED?

CAIRO, Feb. 19. (Reuter): Reports here tonight said the 85-year-old Imam of Yemen, yesterday reported to have died, was assassinated with three of his eleven sons and the Prime Minister.

Congress Expected To Command Majority

BETTER POLLING ON LAST DAY OF CIVIC ELECTIONS

Socialists May Form Next Largest Bloc In Corporation

BOMBAY, Thursday.

The Congress Party, according to observers, is expected to come out with an absolute majority in the Municipal elections which concluded today.

The Congress is likely to capture about 62 seats out of 106. The Socialist Party is expected to form the next largest bloc with 20 seats in the House. The League is expected to bag nine seats and the Communist Party about 5. The Scheduled Caste, the Election Board and the Independents will get among them about ten seats.

At today's election of Group A the Congress is expected to get 23 seats out of 41, the Socialists six, the League four, Scheduled Caste three, Communists two and Independents three.

More exciting scenes and better voting than on the two previous days of polling were witnessed. Eleven candidates including three of the Congress and one of the Socialist Party made a last minute withdrawal.

The Congress had put up the largest number of candidates—31. Seventeen Socialist candidates, six League, five Scheduled Caste, four Communists and four of the Citizens' Board were in the field, contesting 41 seats. Some Independents also participated in the election.

WARD 1. (COLABA)

Hectic activity was noticed in the Esplanade Maidan where polling for Colaba and Market Constituencies took place.

Eight candidates contested the three seats in the Colaba ward. The Scheduled caste candidate Mr. S. L. Wadwalkar had the solid support of a large number of Harijans and was leading from the very start. Closely following him were the Congress candidates Mr. Baburao Gholap and the Socialist candidate Mr. K. S. Dharia. The Parsis voted strongly for the independent candidate Mr. Dara Vania who deprived his Congress rival Dastur Framroz Bode of a large number of Parsi votes. Mr. Lorence Rebello who represented the Radical Democratic Party was nowhere in the picture.

The booth of Vishvanath P. Virle, independent candidate, was practically empty. Mr. Narayan V. Sayana, another independent candidate withdrew his candidature, a little before the elections had started.

By noon about 2000 voters out of a total of 15617 had exercised their franchise.

By 4 p.m. the position of the scheduled class candidate and that of the Congress candidate, Mr. Gholap, was secure. Thereafter a keen contest arose for the third seat between Mr. Framroz Bode (Congress), Mr. K. S. Dharia (Socialist) and Mr. Dara Vania, (Independent).

A last-hour effort was made by some of the Congress organisers to pull up Dasturji Bode, and so an appeal was issued to all the Congress voters to transfer Mr. Gholap's vote to Dasturji Bode, and thus give solid support to the latter. This led to hectic activity in Dastur's booth during the last hour of the election. The Socialist candidate in the meanwhile continued to score steadily. The independent candidate, Mr. Vania also received good support during the fag-end of the day, particularly from the Parsis. It remains now to be seen which of the three candidates secures the third place in this constituency.

Inquiries at the close of the day revealed that about 35 per cent of the

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MAN WITH KNIFE IN MADRAS ASSEMBLY

MADRAS, February 19. (U.P.I.): A sensation was caused in the precincts of the Madras Legislative Assembly Chamber this afternoon, when an intruder into the House was arrested by the police with a knife, with open blade wrapped in an handkerchief, in his possession.

The stranger had entered the House unnoticed and taken seat near the Treasury Bench. When detected after some time, he began running out of the Chamber. The police held him up and when his person was searched the knife was found.

He has been remanded into custody and further investigation is proceeding.

NAZIMUDIN MEETS B.C. ROY

CALCUTTA, February 19. (A.P.I.): The Premier of East Bengal, Khwaja Nazimuddin, who arrived here yesterday on his way to Karachi, met Dr. B. C. Roy, Premier of West Bengal, at a conference to day when certain difficulties experienced by their respective Governments in the day-to-day administration were discussed.

It is learnt that tentative agreements on many of the points at issue were arrived at and as soon as all the details are finalised, identical press notes, announcing the agreement, will be issued by both the governments.

KURSOG 'FALLS' TO SATYAGRAHIS

Himalayan Prant Prov. Govt. Marches Into Suket State

SIMLA, Feb. 19. (U.P.I.): The Kursog Tahsil, the biggest of the three tehsils of the Suket State and the most important of the hilly portion of the State, fell yesterday to the Satyagrahis of the Himalayan Prant Provisional Government without any resistance on behalf of the present Government.

Mr. Sriram Singh, the Tehsildar, and members of the Police force were taken into custody.

Kursog is of great strategic importance and was the main target of the Satyagrahis before reaching Sunder Nagar, the State capital.

A second batch of Satyagrahis from Tatapani joined the main column at Kursog, where the Provisional Government is understood to be setting things right.

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Provincial Hockey

D'Sa Scores Hat Trick

BOMBAY, Thursday.

YOUNG COMRADES	5
B. B. & C. I. 'B'	0

and

LUSITANIANS 'A'	1
YOUNG SPORTS	0

Leo D'Sa was credited with the first hat-trick of the Bombay Provincial Championships which commenced yesterday at the Bombay Provincial Hockey Association Ground. He was in fine form and scored four of the five goals scored by his side enabling them to win comfortably against the second string of the B. B. & C. I. Railway who failed to score even once inspite of having at least two clear chances of doing so. The Railwaymen's half-backs and full backs had a very busy time as the Young Comrade marksmen were on them for most of the match which was played largely in the loser's half.

A. E. D'Souza who at centre-forward got the remaining goal worked well with the inside forwards and helped to keep the attack well spread out. Gama at inside-right was another player who was seen to advantage during the match.

THE TEAMS:

YOUNG COMRADES—J. H. Baptista; A. D'Souza and E. D'Sa; F. Gama, P. D'Souza and L. Ferrao; G. Noronha, L. D'Sa, A. E. D'Souza, S. D'Souza and T. D'Souza.

B. B. & C. I. 'B'—Samuel; Page and Rodricks; Gordon, Fewker and Peter; Martin, Almeida, Foster, Salwey and A. Fernandes.

In the other match, the Lusitanians enjoyed a marked territorial advantage over their opponents Young Sports but failed to score more than one goal which was scored by outside-right L. Vaz early in the second half. Vaz enjoyed some capital runs down the line but when he centred near the goal mouth, the ball was invariably intercepted by one of the many defenders who crowded into the goal. As the leader of the attack F. E. D'Souza, showed good ball control and distributed the ball effectively. In this he was well supported by inside-right T. D'Mello who combined well with L. Vaz

THE TEAMS:

LUSITANIANS 'A'—E. Pinto; T. Fernandes and S. Dias; J. Fernandes, C. D'Souza and J. Rodricks; L. Vaz, T. D'Mello, E. D'Souza, C. Braganza and P. Pereira.

YOUNG SPORTS—J. Lopez; Hamid and Agre; A. D'Mello, H. Gonsalves and Coutinho; P. D'Mello, D'Lima, S. D'Mello, Idris and Abbas.

FRIDAY'S MATCHES:—At 4 p.m. Lusitanians 'B' vs. B. B. & C. I. Railway 'A'; at 5-10 p.m. St. Xavier's 'B' vs. "Times of India" (A.)

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CARMODY CONSOLIDATES W. AUSTRALIAN SIDE

Indian Team's Final Match At Perth Today

PERTH, (West Australia), Feb. 19 (Reuter): The Indian touring team begins the final match of their tour against Western Australia here tomorrow. When they met the State side in the opening match last October the game was utterly spoilt by wretched weather and ended in a draw.

Since then Western Australia have captured the Sheffield shied at their first attempt. Some critics say the shield result was fictitious as when the Western Australians played the Eastern States, their opponents were without several players who were on test duty. This criticism is unfair to Western Australia, who well deserved the honour. Their winning of the shield is a good thing for Australian cricket.

Keith Carmody, who visited India with the Australian Services Team, has moulded comparatively inexperienced players into a match winning first class side.

The present weather here is the hottest for three years and no change is forecast. The wicket is likely to be hard and firm.

The Indian selectors, realising that they have no easy task ahead, have chosen a near-test side. The team will be chosen from the following twelve: Amarnath; Hazare; Mankad; Phadkar; Kishenchand; Gul Mahomed. Adhikari; Sarwate; Nayudu; Amir Elahi; Rangachari and Irani.

EASTERN AUSTRALIA TEAM: K. Carmody; A. Edwards; D. Watt; W. Langdon. B. Rigg; R. Sands; T. Outridge; C. Puckett; K. Cumming. T. Odwyer; M. Herbert with A. Dick as twelfth man.

Joe Louis To Meet G. B. S.

NEW YORK, Feb. 19, (I.P.A.): Joe Louis, world heavy-weight boxing champion, is going to London with an ambition to meet Mr. George Bernard Shaw and Mr. Churchill, Louis is taking with him for Mr. Bernard Shaw a present pair of golden gloves valued 60 dollars. Joe Louis has never read any plays by Mr. Bernard Shaw, but said that he heard of Mr. Shaw's play called "Man and Superman". In England Joe Louis will box all comers at Earls Court and Holiday Exhibition.

JOE LOUIS' ULTIMATUM TO WALCOTT

NEW YORK, Feb. 19, (UPA): Heavyweight champion Joe Louis today issued an ultimatum to fighter Jersey Joe Walcott, declaring that "he'll have to sign within two weeks to fight me, or I'll defend against some other challenger this June."

The champion's ultimatum was a verbal counter-punch in answer to Walcott's early declaration of Louis having a new contract for a possible third bout.

Louis made the statement to reporters on the eve of his sailing to England on the "Queen Mary" there he is scheduled to give 78 exhibitions — three per day — at the Sportmen's Show in England.

Hitch Over Return World Heavyweight Bout

NEW YORK, Feb. 19, (Reuter): A new hitch has developed in the negotiations for the return world heavyweight title bout between the holder, Joe Louis, and Joe Walcott.

Louis through twentieth Century Sporting Club promoter Sol Strauss, has asked Walcott for an undertaking that he will fight Louis for a third time in the event of the champion being beaten in the June encounter. In the proposed contract for this third meeting each contestant would receive thirty per cent of the net takings.

Walcott objected on the grounds that he would have to fight three times before he could get "a champion's share of the gate.

This new development came as a complete surprise to boxing circles here as Louis had declared several times previously that his June fight would be his last "win, lose or draw."

Louis questioned about retirement said:

"I still intend to quit after my next bout. I think that Strauss and my manager, Marshall Miles, in seeking this return bout clause, are just trying to protect me in case I change my mind."

Louis accompanied by his manager sails for England later today for an exhibition series in London.

GANDHIJI, A 'PERFECT ARTIST'

NEW DELHI, Feb. 19. (U.P.I.): Writing in the "Harijan" of to-day under the caption. "The Perfect Artist", Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, Prime Minister of India, says:

"Gandhiji's manifold activities became progressively a symphony and every word he spoke and every gesture he made fitted into this, and so unconsciously he became the perfect artist, for he had learnt the art of living, though the way of life he had adopted was very different from the world's way. It became apparent that the pursuit of truth and goodness leads, among other things, to this artistry in life.

"As he grew older his body seemed to be just a vehicle for the mighty spirit within him. Almost one forgot as one listened to him or looked at him, and so where he sat became a temple and where he trod was a hallowed ground."

Continuing, Pandit Nehru says: "An age has gone by since I first saw Bapu 32 years ago. What a strange period this has been in India's history and the story, with all its ups and downs and triumphs and defeats, has the quality of a ballad and a romance. Even our trivial lives were touched by a hale of romance because we lived through this period and were actors in a greater or lesser degree, in the great drama of India.

"Why then should we grieve for him? Our memories of him will be of the master whose step was light to the end, whose smile was infectious and whose eyes were full of laughter. We shall associate no failing powers with him, of body and mind. Bapu has done a giant's work for India and the world, and even for our poor selves he has done it astonishingly well. And now it is our turn not to fail him or his memory just to carry on the work to the best of our ability and to fulfil the pledges we have so often taken."

LAST BR. BATTALION TO QUIT INDIA

Ceremonial Parade At Gateway Of India On Feb. 28

The last batch of British troops now remaining in the Indian Union would be leaving India on February 28, revealed Major-General D. R. Bateman, Area Commander, Bombay, at a press conference held on Tuesday evening.

These troops, the First Battalion of the Somerset Light Infantry were now stationed in Colaba awaiting their return home. A ceremonial parade would be held at the Gateway of India, through which the troops would march out, on February 28.

LAUDABLE SERVICE TO COUNTRY.

The Major-General observed that the Indian Army shared with the nation its grief over the tragic death of Mahatma Gandhi, and did their share in putting down disorder and restoring order in co-operation with the police, both in Bombay city and province. There would have ensued complete disorganisation of essential supplies following the strike by the dock workers of the Bombay Port Trust but for the employment of the troops whose laudable work had been praised by the Chairman of the Port Trust.

ACHILLES FOR BOMBAY.

The R. I. N. sloops, Kistna and Cauvery were on their way back to Bombay from the United Kingdom where they had taken ratings for training to prepare them to work in the Achilles, the first cruiser to be acquired by the Royal Indian Navy, said Naval Commodore H. Inigo Jones, and added that the cruiser which was equipped with the latest detective devices would be stationed in Bombay.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE NEWS

BOMBAY, Thursday.

The Governor of Bombay received Mr. Mohammed Abdul Aleem and Mr. R. K. Karanjia.

Rani Maharaj Singh received Lady Low and Mrs. Karanjia.

His Excellency attended at Tea Party given by the Prime Minister of Bombay to meet the Rulers of the Deccan States

Nawab Jamshed Ali came to lunch His Excellency invested Mr. A. R. H. Veevers with the British Empire Medal, and afterwards entertained him to tea.

The Hon. Prime Minister and Mrs. Kher, the Hon. Dr. M. D. D. and Mrs. Gilder, the Hon. Mr. Justice N. H. C. Coyajee, the Hon. Mr. Justice N. H. and Mrs. Bhagwati, Mr. and Mrs. C. K. Daphtary, Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Dutt, Mr. K G Saiyidain. Dr. and Mrs. K. A. Hamied, Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Narielwalla, and Mrs. Roshan Abdul Ghani Khan came to dinner.

EIRE'S PRESENT SYSTEM

Premier Not To Raise Constitutional Issues

DUBLIN, Feb. 19. (Reuter): Mr. John A. Costello, Eire's new Premier, told Reuter in an exclusive interview last night that his Government wanted "friendly relations with all Christian peoples."

Asked about Eire's relation with the Commonwealth, he said that he knew of no one who wanted to change the present system. "We do not propose to raise any constitutional problems", he declared.

"The one big problem we are all interested in is partition of Ireland, and we hope to see that removed in the interests of both Ireland and Great Britain as soon as possible in a spirit of understanding.

"We are anxious to strengthen Irish relations and good feeling with the United States, for the traditional bonds between Ireland and America are strong and have always been strong."

The change of Government, the new Premier said, "will be good for the country and good for the democratic system of Government.

"Whether my Government lasts long or short I believe it will last for long—it will be good for the country to have a change. The people clearly want it."

BR. NATIONALITY BILL

Dual Citizenship For People Of India And Pakistan

LONDON, Feb. 18, (Reuter): An important British Nationality Bill published tonight establishes the dual citizenship principle that people of India, Pakistan, Ceylon and other self-Governing Commonwealth countries have both particular status as citizens of their own countries and common status as members of the wider association of Commonwealth peoples cables Fraser Wighton Reuter's political correspondent.

The bill also creates the new status of United Kingdom citizenship in line with the local citizenship for projected local citizenships of dominion countries.

One of the effects of the bill will be to give clear recognition to the separate identity of individual countries of the Commonwealth. It will also clarify the position about diplomatic protection and enable dominion Government when negotiating with other countries to define with precision the people for whom it negotiates.

TRANSFER OF PROPERTY ORDINANCE

Indian Merchants, Chamber's Apprehension

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

The Committee of the Indian Merchants Chamber, Bombay, have sent the following telegram on Monday, the 16th February 1948 to the Hon'ble Mr R K. Shanmukam Chetty, Minister for Finance, Government of India, New Delhi, regarding the Transfer of Property (India) Ordinance recently promulgated:

The Committee of the Indian Merchants Chamber wish to draw the attention of the Government to the serious consequences apprehended as a result of the provisions of the Transfer of Property (India) Ordinance recently promulgated. Under the provisions thereof registration of documents in respect of properties other than agricultural land is precluded unless simultaneously a certificate is presented to the Registering Authorities to the effect that the transferer has paid or made satisfactory provisions for the payment of all existing or anticipated liabilities by way of taxes under the Indian Income-tax and other allied Acts. A further provision in the Ordinance extends the scope of the restrictions to all transfers which have taken place after 14th August 1947, it being provided that on the failure to produce a certificate about payment of income and allied taxes, the taxing authorities shall be entitled to recover the taxes by appropriate action against the properties transferred, as if the same still continue to belong to the transferer.

"While the Committee of the Chamber realise the anxiety of the Government eliminate chances of evasion of taxation by disposal of assets following the developments in the political sphere after the 14th August and while they note that the provisions in the Ordinance are almost analogues to a similar measure passed by the Government of Pakistan, they cannot help pointing out that the restrictions in their present form are likely to lead to considerable practical difficulties involving repercussions of a far reaching character.

Firstly, registration of documents has to be completed within four months.

The provision in the Ordinance regarding production of certificate for transactions effected after 14th August seeks to give retrospective effect to the Ordinance. "Bona fide" transfers already made will be affected and the absoluteness of the rights of the tranferee in respect of the property already in his hands will be qualified by the limitations in regard to the tax liability attaching to the transferer. This will seriously upset the working of the credit and financial mechanism in the country. The Committee submit that in view of the practical difficulties, Government should agree to the suspension of the Ordinance and such provisions as they deem necessary for ensuring proper payment of taxes in respect of parties transferring property by way of lease or mortgage should be settled after prior discussion at a meeting with the interests likely to be affected, and there is no justification whatsoever for the provisions in the Ordinance giving retrospective effect as transfers validly effected according to law in force at the time of the transaction should not be liable to be called into question by the application of the provisions of this emergency measure. The Committee request that the Government will be pleased to give this matter their early attention."

C.P. GOVT. BAN ON SHIVAJI DAL

Mr. Ramdas Agarwal's Contention

(From Our Correspondent)

JUBBULPORE, Feb. 18.

Apropos the C. P. Government's announcement declaring the Shivaji Dal, Katni, in Jubbulpore District, unlawful Mr. Ramdas Agarwal, founder of the Shivaji Dal who has not so far been arrested, in an exclusive interview stated that he was proceeding to Nagpur to see the Home Minister and present his Organisation's case before him. Mr. Ramdas stated that the Government's decision to outlaw the Shivaji Dal was based on mistatements He maintained that the Dal was a purely national volunteers' organisation, having over 2,000 members on its roll.

Clarifying the Dal's position Mr. Ramdas said that it never had any connection or sympathy with the R.S.S. or the Hindu Sabha.

IN MIRAJ

MIRAJ, Feb. 18, (U.P.I): Bhau Satayappa Varoje, a prominent worker in 1942 movement and eight other persons from Malegaon were arrested today at Shedbal by the Belgaum police. The arrested party it is learnt had a gun in their possession.

COLORADO SCHOOL OF MINES

Scholarship For Indian Students

NEW DELHI, Feb. 18, (A.P.I.): The Government of India have received information regarding the award of a scholarship by the Colorado School of Mines, Golden, Colorado, U.S.A., to enable an Indian student to pursue studies in any one of the following subjects: Mining, metallurgy, geology, petroleum production and petroleum refining, says a press note. The scholarship is awarded annually beginning with the academic year 1948-49.

The scholarship, renewable upto a maximum period of four years, is of the value of 475 Dollars per annum which covers all tuition fees. It makes no provision for living or other personal expenses. Candidates must be "bona fide" residents of India and must possess a good degree in science or engineering from any of the recognised universities in India.

Intending candidates must submit their applications with full details regarding age, qualifications, etc., so as to reach the Ministry of Education, Overseas Division 1, North Block, Secretariat, New Delhi, by March 20, 1948.

HANDICAPS TO BURMA INDIANS

Indan Merchants Chamber's Plea For Suspension Of Ordinance

BOMBAY, Wednesday: The Committee of the Indian Merchants' Chamber have sent the following telegram to Sir Girjashankar Bajpai, Secretary General, External Affairs Department, Government of India New Delhi.

"The Committee of the Indian Merchants' Chamber had on 22nd December last sent a telegram to the Government urging the need for the early negotiation of a treaty between India and Burma regulating relations between the two countries in the spheres of trade, immigration, franchise, property rights etc. The Committee would, in this connection, invite attention of the Government to three ordinances recently promulgated by the Government of Burma, the first seeking to reduce rents to low levels which would render it uneconomic to landholders to continue to hold properties, another dealing with the disposal of tenancies and the third imposing restrictions on the transfer of immovable properties.

The third ordinance was at first not intended to apply to Indians in Burma. It however transpires that the same has now been applied to Indians and consequently Indian nationals cannot sell properties freely to purchasers of their choice nor can take over properties in settlement of debts due to them from owners. Consequently the operation of a free market for properties is rendered impossible leading to a heavy reduction in the value of properties.

At a juncture when, in view of the recent developments, Indian nationals were endeavouring to liquidate their commitments in Burma and sell their properties on terms and conditions which would be equitable and fair, the above provision in law has placed a serious handicap and in practice will involve hardship to a large number of Indian nationals owning extensive properties in that country. The Committee request that Government will be pleased to take up the above issue with the Government of Burma and arrange for the suspension of the operation of the ordinance in question pending a satisfactory settlement of all outstanding problems concerning the future Indo-Burma relations."

More British Cars For India

India, Pakistan and Burma received during 1947, despite restrictions on import licences, 11,209 motor-cars and 2,144 commercial vehicles from Britain. Subject to import restrictions, British car manufacturers hope to exceed these figures this year.

The overall plan of the motor-car industry in Britain this year is the unprecedented export of nearly 1,000 cars a day. Seventy-five per cent. of the cars now being made are for export.

Some 58,000 cars are expected to leave for Australia during the year and increased orders are being placed from all parts of the British Commonwealth.

Lord Nuffield has earmarked Rs. 1,33,12,000 for promoting the overseas sales of his products and substantial reductions in the export prices of Morris, Wolseley and Riley cars have been made.

The income last year from overseas for cars and commercial vehicles was nearly Rs. 73,21,60,000. This year's target is Rs. 1,46,43,20,000.

To save shipping space exporters are following the wartime plan of "telescoping" cars by sending overseas crated parts for assembly on arrival.

U.S. URGED TO KEEP EMBARGO AGAINST ARMS SHIPMENTS TO MIDDLE EAST

LAKE SUCCESS, Feb. 18 (U.P.A.): British Colonial Secretary Arthur Creech Jones urged the United States today to keep its embargo against arms shipments to the Middle East.

Creech Jones told a press conference that "we are aware of the very great pressure to get the ban removed and we are very much exercised that this should happen."

Creech Jones, who is here to represent Britain in the Security Council debate on Palestine, also protested against the "carping criticism" of Britain's administration of the Holy Land. He said Britain had acted absolutely fairly in the dispute between Jews and Arabs and the only efforts of British troops have kept the two sides apart.

He gravely predicted, however that Arabs will be let loose after May 15 when British rule in Palestine will end. He also warned that special security measures would have to be set up to protect the United Nations Palestine Commission when it reaches the Holy Land because "there are Arab elements which will stop at nothing."

Creech Jones said that Zionist backers in the United States have encouraged "misunderstanding" of British efforts. He said that British policy has been consistent throughout the United Nations consideration of Palestine with the main trouble resulting from some persons' desires to disbelieve or look for devious meanings in British announcements.

In answer to questions from reporters, Creech Jones said that British arms had been sent to Arab states only in fulfilment of treaties and there may have been some leakage of these arms back into Palestine. He said, however, that the arms were distributed only on the Arabs' pledged word that they would be used only for training.

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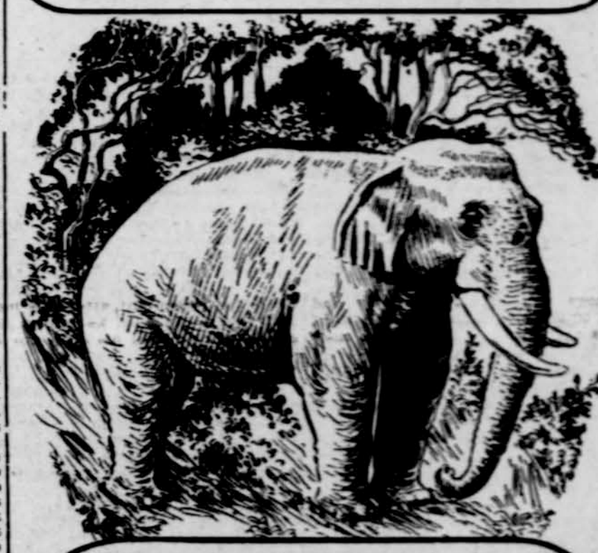
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Protection Of Minorities In Pakistan

Let Muslims Follow Omar's Glorious Example

"Our High Commissioner in India had given a solemn pledge to Mahatma Gandhi to safeguard the interests of minorities in Pakistan. We have to stand by this pledge and carry out in all sincerity the undertaking which was given on our behalf. We have to protect minorities not because we fear retaliation, but because it is our bounden duty to do so. We claim to have built up an Islamic State. Let us not wait, therefore, for India to promulgate a charter on the Rights of Minorities in that sub-continent, but let us give a lead and proclaim a declaration of fraternity, goodwill and equality from Pakistan. Our tradition is noble and our history is replete with instances which warrant a fair and generous treatment of our non-Muslim brethren", writes "Ajji" in "Pakistan Times."

Islam rose as a dynamic social force. Within the short span of 10 years, Omar, the second Caliph established an empire spreading over 22 lacs of square miles. It was an empire which counted all races and creeds; in it lived Muslims, Christians, Jews and the Romans. All lived side by side as free citizens of a free State. The Muslims were the natural custodians of the rights of non-Muslims; and so completely did they win their goodwill that they fought together in voluntary comradeship for the defence of their common mother-land. Let those who talk vaguely of revivalism look to Omar for a generous treatment of minorities for no State can hope to flourish without the goodwill of its citizens.

OMAR'S ATTITUDE TOWARDS MINORITIES.

The great administrator that he was, Omar understood it perfectly well that his conquests were of no avail, if they were to be mere conquests by the force of arms. He, therefore, relied more on the force of character which was developed by Islam. He placed a high premium on the goodwill of the people and with every conquest, he set about to secure it. Severe punishment was inflicted on those who allowed themselves to become a party to a forcible conversion of non-Muslims. His zeal for Islam was perfectly consistent with his zeal for the protection of non-Muslims. It was for him to convey the message of the Quran to the people but he could not have forced a conversion on them. "There is no compulsion in religion," said the Prophet. And Omar retained his own non-Muslim slave whom he failed to convert!

By every conceivable means he tried to make the non-Muslims feel secure. They were given freedom of religion, and no interference in the discharge of their religion's worship was tolerated. They took out public processions and performed rites in a manner which sometimes annoyed Muslims but nobody had the courage to interfere with them. Muslims were forbidden to buy their lands lest non-Muslims should be deprived of their holdings. Not only that. They were confirmed in the ownership of land, which they held before the Muslims conquest, and in no case could the proprietory rights be transferred to the Muslims.

The land revenue that they paid was lenient,. So great, in fact, was the Caliph's concern for them that every time that land revenue came from a Dominion, he would send for the representatives of non-Muslims and would enquire whether the assessment was fair. He would make every effort to investigate excesses committed by officials in the course of its collection; and there are instances where he took culprits to task, and granted immunity from payment to deserving cases. The intensity of his feelings for the welfare of non-Muslims can be gauged from the fact, that while on his death bed, he made repeated enquiries about them, and while dictating his will, he enjoined upon the Muslims to be fair and generous to them in discharging the promises that he had given to non-Muslims on behalf of the State.

HIS PEOPLE FOLLOWED THE LEAD.

The admirable lead given by Omar was followed by his people with remarkable enthusiasm. The administrators became so conscientious in the discharge of their duties that they were accused sometimes of partiality towards non-Muslims! Once Ghurfa—a companion of the Prophet, was called to book for slapping a Christian on his face. In self-defence, he explained that the Christian had rebuked the Holy Prophet in his presence. "We are pledged to the non-Muslims," he said "to fight for them if they are in danger, we have given them our word to protect their religion, their life, their property. But these rights do not imply a liberty to hurl abuses on our Holy Prophet." But even at this, the companion of the Prophet, who held a high status in social life, was censured by the court for committing an act of violence, and for taking the law into his own hands.

There is another instance which shows how jealously the honour of the non-Muslims was protected. Ameer-bin-Al Saad who was once the Governor of Syria submitted his resignation to the Caliph, for he thought he was not fair to non-Muslims. And what was the crime he had committed? In a moment of anger he had cursed a non-Muslim, "May the wrath of God be on you"! He felt so repentant after this incident that he thought he had no longer a right to hold his office for he had been unfair to a non-Muslim.

With such sympathy and with such treatment, it is not surprising, therefore, that the non-Muslims vied with Muslims in their loyalty to the State. In the battle of Yermook, where the Muslims were fighting the Romans, the non-Muslims took up the soil of the battle-field in their hand and took a vow to defend it to the last man.

EQUALITY OF STATUS.

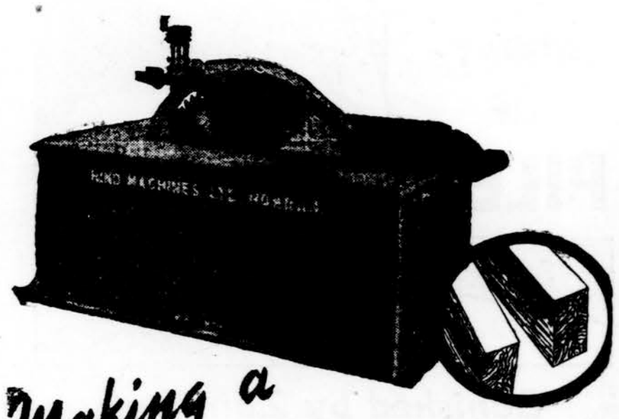
The life, property and honour of a non-Muslim is as sacred as the life, property and honour of a Muslim. There is no difference between the two in the eyes of civil and military law. The Islamic State cannot interfere with the personal law of non-Muslims who have complete freedom of conscience, faith, worship and religious rites. The non-Muslims have a right not only to preach their religion but to criticise the religion of the State subject, of course, to the condition that their propaganda is not malicious. These and other rights cannot be taken away from them as long as they live in our State. It is imperative on us to protect them even if all the Muslims are massacred in another country. We cannot lawfully retaliate and shed an ounce of blood of our non-Muslim citizens. These are the rights given to non-Muslims by Islam and they cannot be taken away from them.

During the Caliphate the non-Muslims or the "Zimmis" as they were called, enjoyed these rights to the full. They paid only two taxes viz. Ushoor and Jazia while the Muslims had to pay more. The rate of Zakat alone that the Muslims had to pay was more than the two taxes combined. Whereas the Muslims contributed more to the State Treasury the benefits from it accrued equally to both of them. Old age pension which were initiated by Abu Bakar were granted to Muslims and non-Muslims alike. If anything, the non-Muslims had an advantage, for in old age they were exempted from the payment of Jazia in case they were not rich enough to pay it; but for a Muslim there was no exemption. Once Omar saw an old non-Muslim beggar in the street. He could not understand why he had to resort to begging for he was getting an old age pension. He found to his surprise that the beggar was trying to collect money for the payment of Jazia. At this Omar ordered immunity for such men from the payment of the tax. "By God," he said "it is not fair that we should avail of their youth, and forget them in their old age."

TREATMENT OF FIFTH COLUMNISTS.

Today in India the Muslims are suspects. Their loyalty is being doubted without any rhyme or reason. They are being forced to say and do things which are a challenge to the self-respect of man. But this should not deflect *us from* the path of justice and fairplay, for whatever happens in the outside world we have to follow our code of conduct, which does not allow any injustice to our non-Muslim nationals. We have to take their loyalty for granted till such time as they do not actually prove to be conspirators. And even then our treatment with them is to be the treatment of civilised Muslims and not the treatment of mad barbarians. Similar cases have arisen earlier in our history and we have conquered this menace by the force of our character. During the Caliphate of Omar, non-Muslims living on a border town of Syria were discovered to be indulging in subversive activities against the State. They were in league with the Romans across the border and supplied them with valuable information. The Governor of Syria advised the Caliph about their activities. The Caliph ordered an assessment of the value of their property and the provincial Governor was surprised when he received orders to offer them a sum which was double the amount of the assessed value. The non-Muslim fifth columnists were given the option to receive the liberal compensation for their property and leave the country of their own free will but they declined the offer and had to be exiled.

Today the political atmosphere is charged with indecent suspicion. We have to rend these clouds and show the rays of the bright sun of faith, conviction and righteousness to those who are groping in the dark. It is for us to give a lead to India in formulating a brave and a generous charter for minorities in Pakistan. It is for us as well to educate our people in the appreciation of new responsibilities that now devolve on them as citizens of an Islamic State, for thus alone can we strengthen the foundations of the State for which we have suffered and toiled so long.



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OUR READERS' VIEWS

Gandhiji's Voice

We have received the following from the Bombay Office of the Columbia Gramaphone Company:—

In the interest of the public, we may be permitted the use of your columns, in pointing out, that we were fortunate in having been able to record in England some time ago the voice of Mahatma Gandhi, and we humbly present "His Spiritual Message" (in English) to the nation, in the hope that his voice will continue to guide all men into the path of righteousness he would have them follow.

We may further inform you that to contribute to the furtherance of Gandhiji's own doctrines "Columbia" have decided to donate all profits from the sale of this record to the Gandhiji National Memorial Fund."

Liquidate Communal Organisations

Sir,—Now that the unexpected has happened, what is the atonement for so great a crime as the slaying of Mahatmaji? The best atonement that is possible under the circumstances is for communal organisations to voluntarily wind-up their organisations and help to establish a Congress distatorship for a period of ten years to enable the country to progress towards Gandhian and Congress ideals. The establishment of a strong India as envisaged by the Mahatma is the best atonement that the people of India can offer to the memory of Bapujee.

No monument or memorials will have any meaning except an India of Gandhiji's dreams. It is for Indians themselves to realise it. Will they do it?—Yours, etc.,

T. S. VALUE.

Marathas Shocked

Sir,—The Marathas all over India have been shocked to learn that a Maratha from Poona has assassinated Mahatma Gandhi according to the report published by non-Marathi journals. I may be allowed to draw the attention of the news agency concerned to the fact that the man arrested in connection of assassination is not a Maratha but Hindu Sabhait Brahmin from Poona. The Maratha community being a martial race of India is not at all accustomed to act in the manner of Godse.—yours etc.,

V. J. WABLE.

Nature Cure Hospital As Memorial

Sir,—I suggest that in order to perpetuate the memory of Gandhiji it will be proper to build up a Nature Cure Hospital on a large piece of land in the vicinity of Bombay and arrangement should also be made therein to educate people in the right mode of living, dieting and healing.

I am sure this will appeal to philanthrophists of Bombay who have made magnanimous offers to contribute for the perpetuation of the memory of Father of Free India.—Yours etc.

P. TULSIAN.

Ghost Ration Cards

Sir,—The Publicity Officer of the Rationing Department has apparently been worried over what I have said regarding Ghost ration cards. The existence of these cards is admitted but the Officer vehemently denies that they were created by the Rationing Staff for political purposes. He has denied a charge which I never made. My suggestion is that now, because the Congress Government has accepted Mahatma Gandhi's lead and virtually given up control, these ghost cards are going to be used for political purposes.

As to the other part of the Publicity Officer's statement regarding reponsibility for Ghost cards, the newspaper is not the Forum. The Minister in charge of Home Department will be apprised of the information collected by our workers in the course of the Municipal Election campaign—Yours, etc.

P. R. LELE,
Secretary, Municipal Committee of the Congress, Bombay.

Suggestion To Bombay Police

Sir,—The daring attempts to rob people at the Church Road, near Vile Parle railway station deserves the immediate attention of the authorities concerned. Every night after 9 P.M. groups of robbers fall on travellers and seize their belongings threatening them at knife-points and dealing severe blows. The employees of the Juhu Aerodrome, who work in the evening shift, are often found to be the poor victims of these bad characters.

Recently an employee of the Air Services of India Canteen handed over a miscreant to the police, but it is reported that the police took no action against him.—Yours etc.,

AJIT KUMAR BASU.

Dadar, Feb. 14.

No Classification By Castes

Sir.—The tragic death of Mahatma Gandhi has given a fillip to the eradication of communalism which is based upon caste system. Mahatma Gandhi had devoted the whole of his life in striving for this end. It is, therefore, the duty of Government to try by all means to bring about the fulwilment of this cherished ideal of the Mahatma.

In the days of Lord Krishna the caste-system was based upon the principle of "Division of Labour" and as such arose out of the occupations of the individuals and not out of birth. In modern times these castes which were originally four, have grown into thousands and are no longer based upon occupations but upon birth.

The best way to eradicate this feeling of pernicious communalism is to begin with the abolition of the practice of getting statistical information regarding the castes of young pupils from educational institutions. Hereafter, statistical information based upon religion only should be aclled for.—Yours,,

G. V. GADGIL,
Secretary,
Gokhale Education Society.
Girgaon, Bombay.

Postpone University Examinations

Sir,—Every true Indian is stricken with grief today. The lot of the students appearing in the next Board or University Examinations is pitiable. They must read and read while the world weeps. My humble suggestions is that all examinations be postponed till the last week of April next.—Yours, etc.,

G. N. BANERJI

Entertainment Tax In Indore

Sir,—The Indore City Municipality have been assessing entertainment tax on all the entertainments, including dramas played by local students, citizens, and social workers and cinema shows exhibited by the local cinema proprietors in aid of Punjab refugees or the poor students.

I draw the attention of the Minister in charge of Local Self-Government of Holkar State through your esteemed paper's columns towards this matter. I request that the tax levied upon charity shows be lefted immediately.—Yours, etc.

S. K. SHETH,
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London Letter

Will Europe Take Gandhi Road

(From Our Correspondent)

LONDON.—Will Europe follow Gandhi—not today, not tomorrow, not day after, but decades hence? Will the West, tired of its violence, adopt the Gandhian weapon of Non-violence? Christ was born in Asia, but he has the largest following in non-Asiatic countries. Will history repeat itself and do the same thing to Gandhi?

I have been quizzing myself for the last two hours since I returned from Gandhi memorial meetings. We had two meetings, one organised by the Indian Journalists Association and the other held under the auspices of the India League. About a dozen Englishmen, newsmen and politicians, spoke at these meetings. They called Gandhi "Light of Asia" The Soul of a Continent", "Greatest Spiritual Force the World has known for Centuries." They compared him to Abraham Lincoln, Roosevelt and other great leaders of the world. But what was of real importance is the fact that many of them began to ask themselves if the spiritual powers revealed by Gandhiji could not be used to overcome violence. The process of thinking on new lines has already started. It is true that conclusions have not been reached. But action is the child of thought.. Who knows Europe may one day realise the powers of soul-force?

GANDHI vs. ATOM

It was emphasised by more than one speaker that the choice before the world was one between Atom Bomb and Moral Force. The way of the Atom was the way of death and destruction. The way of non-violence meant peace and prosperity. But can moral force triumph over the evil of the Atom Bomb? Gandhi did something to answer this question. "Gandhi dropped a pebble in the stagnant waters of the world and cleared them a little," as Ian Colquhoun of the "NEWS CHRONICLE" said the Mahatma had shown ability to tap moral power and shown that spiritual powers could be brought into play in worldly affairs. In Gandhiji's case, spiritual forces had already yielded results. Should not then the world follow his example?

Europe adopts nothing without initial experiment. Europe has plenty of scientists. But where is the scientist who will experiment in the moral laboratory? If some one could drop "a pebble in stagnant waters" as Gandhiji did, the world might be educated in the superiority of soul force, felt the "News Chronicle's" ace leader writer.

Cameroon, youthful reporter of Beverbrook's "Daily Express," did not know Gandhi intimately. But he said, he loved him. He did not go to Gandhi for news. Gandhi never gave anything. But his talk always fascinated him. And besides, they could come to no conclusions on any Indian question without knowing the mind of this kind man. Recently he asked Gandhi for some news. Gandhi replied that he had nothing to offer him except his shawl. He said he was a fool not to accept the shawl. But he could not know that Gandhiji would so soon leave us. They shouted 'Gandhiji-ki-Jai' he said, but the appropriate time for raising the cry would be when India became peaceful and prosperous. That would be victory for Gandhi, for he lived and died for that noble cause.

Mr. Palme Dutt referred to the tragic partition of India. There was easy rejoicing at the settlement of August 15. Gandhi alone kept out of it. Gandhi stood for the down trodden man against oppression and tyranny. Progressive forces would carry on Gandhiji's fight for the democratic unity of India. Representatives of the British press had laid stress on moral forces released by Gandhiji. Mr. Dutt hoped in their handling of Indian subjects they would try to see the picture with the moral eye.

Mr. Kabadi, who was in chair at the Fleet Street meeting, referred to the Mahatma's career as a journalist. Palme Dutt adding that Gandhiji was one of the most outstanding journalists, describing "Harijan," as a clear, live, influential, talkative even garrulous journal.

THE CHOICE BEFORE EUROPE

Lord Strabolgi confirmed the impression I had gained (recorded in my last letter) while wandering in the streets of London when the news of Gandhiji's death shook the city, that even the ordinary man and woman, who had no idea of Gandhi's life or philosophy, felt that the world had lost one of its great spiritual men. The world was the poorer and so was every inhabitant of the world and so were they. They felt that they had lost something. This was an amazing phenomenon. Men felt puzzled and and yet a new hope was kindled in their hearts.

Europe may one day try the Gandhian method. But will she be able to do so? Can one acquire the power of the soul while remaining knee-deep in materialism? But one thing that has amazed me during my fairly long stay in the British Isles is the fact that though these people, on the whole, are more materialistic than the people at home, that has not dimmed their humanity or blunted their moral values. They are more honest and human than many of those who live on vegetables and deny themselves pleasures. Even then it will be absurd to expect a man in the pub, to use spiritual powers. But then it is only a few people who shape the destiny of mankind. If Europe can produce a few men who would be prepared to follow Gandhiji's way, the world might be made a better place to live in. Masses can be trusted to follow them. Masses are moved by emotion. They can be stirred both by devils and angels. It is the Atom or Gandhi. The Future of Europe will depend on the choice she makes.

DUTY OF INDIANS

So far our Motherland is concerned, if we have even the slightest love for Gandhiji we would eschew violence and intolerance from our heart. Will it not be a mockery to call Delhi Gandhi—Nagar while intolerance and communal disharmony prevail in the city. Delhi must qualify for that title. We are a very emotional people. We exhaust our emotional energy on form before reaching the spirit. The other day I was impressed by the enthusiasm of a few young men in the cause of organising a Gandhi meeting. Their enthusiasm was natural. But in that enthusiasm they gave priority to the meeting itself, the attendance and the stature of the speakers. It would not please Gandhi even if we name the whole country after him, if we have not banished hatred from our hearst. It would please him if even a small village follows his teaching of love and tolerance. "Gandhiji is not dead", as Hannan Swaffer said. He lives in spirit. He can still advise and inspire us.

TRUMAN'S CHANCES SLENDER

New York Republican Victory Causes Headache

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18, (Reuter): The victory of Mr. Leo Isacson, Wallace candidate in Bronx, New York bye-election, put President Truman's chances of re-election to the White House next November into the gravest doubt so far, observers here said today.

No political observers here drew from yesterday's contest the unqualified conclusion that Mr. Wallace was stronger nationally than had previously been supposed They did, however, decide what democratic leaders have feared ever since Mr. Wallace announced his candidacy—that the former Vice-President may well tip the balance of power in New York State in favour of the Republicans—and without New York State and its 47 electoral votes, Mr. Truman can hardly hope to win nationally.

The New York "Times" said: "The effect on the voters in a predominantly Jewish voting territory unquestionably reflected dissatisfaction with the present United States latitude on implementing the Palestine partition" and added that the Communists in full support of Mr. Wallace and Mr. Isacson "were able to mass their full workers strength from the whole city in one Congressional district".

The Communist "Daily Worker" in New York hailed the bye-election victory in a huge three-line headline on its front page.

THREAT TO DEMOCRATIC HOPES

The newspaper said it was "not only a tremendous boost for the Wallace movement" but constituted a grave threat to democratic hopes of carrying New York State in the Presidential election.

Pakistan Delegate for Maritime Conference

KARACHI, Feb. 18. (A.P.I.): In response to an invitation from the secretariat of the United nations, the Pakistan have sent a delegation to the international maritime conference, which opens at Geneva at 3 p.m. on February 19, it was officially announced here tonight.

Mr. Rustom Fakirjee Cowasjee of Messrs. East and West Steamship Company, Karachi who has been appointed Pakistan delegate left for Geneva last night.

JAIL FOR 15 INDIAN PASSIVE RESISTERS

VOLKSRUST, (Trans.), Feb. 18, (U.P.A.): Fifteen Indian passive resisters who twice crossed the Transvaal-Natal Border in defiance of the Immigrants Regulation Act were sentenced to three months' hard labour for the offence and a suspended sentence of one month for an earlier conviction was also enforced.

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Full Independence To United Libya

Arab Council's Fresh Move Against British

CAIRO, Feb. 18 (Reuter).—Full independence for a United Libya is expected to be demanded by the Political Committee of the Arab League Council, now meeting here.

Members of the Committee tonight turned their eyes westwards to consider the position of the Arabs in Tripolitana, western Province of Libya, where rioting against the British military administration flared up yesterday, and in Tetvan, Spanish Morocco, where there were recent Arab Nationalist disturbances.

The Committee is expected to reiterate in unequivocal terms its opposition to the return of Libya to Italy, and to the division of Libya into two separate administrations, Tripoliatnia and Cerenaica.

The Committee may it is understood ask the Arab League Council to empower Egypt to act as "spokesman" for Libya before the Four Power Commission which is to report on former Italian colonies to the Foreign Ministers Deputies.

Casualties in yesterday's Tripoli disturbances were officially listed tonight as seven British soldiers taken to hospital, one British officer of the Tripoliteania Police force injured, three civilians killed and nine injured and 15 soldiers, six police and 45 civilians given first aid.

Implementing Industries Conference Decisions

Govt. To Set Up Labour Advisory Council

NEW DELHI, Feb. 19, (API): In implementation of the resolution on industrial truce adopted by the Industries Conference in December 1947, the Government of India, it is learnt, are setting up shortly a central labour advisory council to co-ordinate major matters in respect of industry and labour such as profit sharing and profit distribution.

The Central Government have suggested to the provincial Governments that they should each set up immediately a representative provincial labour advisory board. They have also recommended the immediate establishment of a works committee and a unit production committee in each industrial undertaking.

It is proposed to appoint an experienced whole-time officer in charge of all executive work connected with the implementation of the resolution in so far as it concerns the Central Government. In addition, he will keep in touch with provincial Governments and advise them on matters of importance.

When this scheme is implemented there will be under the central council five major industrial committees for coal, iron and steel, cotton textiles, cement and jute manufactures. Under each industrial committee there will be a central production committee, a committee on industrial relations, an economic sub-committee and a central housing board. Similarly under each provincial board there will be a sub-committee and a regional committee for each industry.

PRIMARY UNITS

The works committee and the unit production committee, the setting up of which are considered essential will be the primary units of each undertaking. The Government think it desirable to have these two separate eventhough the same persons may be members of both. For maintaining proper liaison, it is proposed to have joint meetings of both the committees.

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RECOVERY OF ABDUCTED WOMEN

India-Pakistan Conference At Lahore

LAHORE, Feb. 18 (API): To devise more effective means of recovery and restoration of abducted women and children, a meeting of representatives of Pakistan and India was held at Lahore on February 18, under the chairmanship of Mr. Ghazanfar Ali Khan, Refugees Minister, Pakistan Government. The Lord Bishop of Lahore and Mr. K. L. Ralia Ram were present by special invitation as representatives of Missionaries.

After revising and discussing the existing arrangements for the recovery and restoration of abducted women and children, it was decided that Christian Missionaries in various districts be requested to cooperate in this humanitarian task.

The following were present-

Miss Mridula Sarabhai and Mr. K. L. Punjabi, representing India and Begum Tasaduq Hussain, Begum Bashir Ahmed, Begum Muzaffar, Khan Qurban Ali Khan and Major Mohd K. Sadiq representing Pakistan.

LONDON, Feb. 18 (Reuter).—General Zafari, Chief of the Persian Police, has resigned and been succeeded by General Farradi, Teheran Radio reported today.

LONDON:- (IPS) The British Cabinet is confident that Britain can cut her overseas expenditure by £ 100,000,000 in 1948, according to London Financial circles.

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NEW KING OF YEMEN

Elected According To Sacred National Charter

DAMASCUS, Feb. 19 (Reuter)—Sayed Abdullah Ibn Ahmed el Wazir has been proclaimed King of the Yemen in succession to Imam Yahya, whose death was announced last night, the Syrian Government was informed in a cable from Hussein el Kalisy, Foreign Minister of the Yemen.

The cable invited the Syrian Government to send a delegate to the Yemen to be informed of the present situation.

It was reported in Cairo on January 15 that a new constitutional government had been established in Sana's capital of the Yemen, headed by an Imam, Sayed Abdullah Ibn Wazir, who was elected "according to the sacred national charter accepted by the whole nation before the death of King Yahya." Imam Yahya was reported to have died at that time.

The Cairo report added that Imam Yahya's son, Seif El Hak Ibrahim, who in December 1946 fled to Aden, had been elected President of Parliament.

Imam Yahya, who was 85 had ruled the Yemen since 1904, and was spiritual as well as temporal head of his kingdom. He had ten sons.

He sprang from one of the oldest ruling families in the world, and was in direct line with Imam Zeid, who reigned in 860 A.D.

His kingdom, a 75,000 square mile territory north of Aden and bordering on the Red Sea, is one of the seven States of the Arab League.

British Journalist Expelled From Persia

TEHERAN, Feb. 18 (Reuter).—Alfred Holland, Teheran correspondent of the "London Times", was expelled from Persia today.

Holland was officially informed by the Chief of Police today that he must leave the country within 48 hours.

His expulsion is understood to be due to a recent message to his newspaper.

Tonight the British Embassy had no comment to make.

Rebuilding "Aggressive" Germany

PRAGUE, Feb. 19 (U.P.A.): The foreign ministers of Czechoslovakia, Poland and Yugoslavia today charged the western democracies with rebuilding an "aggressive" Germany which threatens the peace economy of post-war Europe.

In a 1,500 word declaration issued after a two-day conference on Germany, the three Soviet-dominated nations lashed out at the Marshall Plan and policies of the military governments of western Germany. They demanded demilitarization of Western Germany especially among the "emigrant groups" such as those forcibly deported or who fled from Slav countries. It asked fulfilment of German reparations obligations and prosecution of war criminals. In conclusion the declaration said the governments of other allied powers should be "consulted" in connection with questions in which they have a direct interest.

EASTERN REGIONAL CONFERENCE

PARIS, Feb. 18 (Reuter): Dr. S. N. Das Gupta, Counsellor in Agricultural science of the United Nations Educational, Cultural and Scientific Organisation, left Paris today, UNESCO Headquarters announced, for Baguio Eastern Regional Conference of the Food and Agricultural Organisation, which opens there on February 23.

The conference will be attended by representatives from Pakistan, India, Burma, Siam, China, Australia, New Zealand, Netherlands East Indies and the British possessions in the region.

World Food Production Improves

Moderate Relaxation In Rationing Likely In Summer

WASHINGTON, Feb 18. (Reuter): United States Department of agriculture today forecast a "moderate relaxation" in world food rationing systems after this summer's harvests, if present food growing conditions continue.

Nevertheless, if only because of the ten per cent increase in the world's population, per capita food consumption will still continue at less than the pre-war rate.

Improved grain prospects are reported throughout the Northern Hemisphere as well as from Argentina and Australia.

Rice, Fats, oils, sugar and seeds production are also likely to increase in coming months.

The Department, nevertheless, said there was a need for still greater production to bring consumption back to full pre-war levels and permit shortage countries to increase their very low stocks.

ALLEGED DUTCH BREACHES OF 'CEASE FIRE'

Three Nation Committee Omission From Report

BATAVIA, Feb. 18 (Reuter): Republican sources here claimed today that the three-nation "Good Offices" Committee which has been trying to help effect a settlement in Indonesia, omitted from its report to the United Nations' Security Council, the finding on its assistants on two alleged Dutch breaches of the "cease fire" order.

The findings, they said concerned an alleged Dutch crossing of the demarcation line on Madura Island, of north-eastern Java and the "liquidation" of two hundred Indonesians at Rawaeede about 65 miles south-east of here.

Other reliable sources here said the majority report submitted by the United States and Australian Representatives on the Madura incidents were "hardly favourable" to the Dutch, but the Belgian Representative had submitted a minority report.

The report confirmed the "liquidation" of Indonesians at Rawaeede, they said.

Well-informed Dutch quarters here said they did not know the detailed contents of the good offices Committee's report. The Netherlands had not asked for the omission of any findings.

INDONESIANS BETRAYED

LAKE SUCCESS, Feb. 18 (UPA)—Russia accused the United States in the United Nations today of shedding "crocodile tears over the fate of the Indonesian people" while collaborating in their enslavement.

Russian delegate Andre Gromyko said that the signature of the Dutch-Indonesian truce agreement reached with the help of the United Nations "Committee of Good Offices" was a "betrayal" of the interests of the Indonesians.

The United States, Belgium and Australia made up the Committee.

Gromyko said that the agreement was nothing but an instrument to further Dutch interests and help tighten the "yoke of oppression and exploitation of the people" of Java, Sumatra and Madura. He said the truce left the Dutch in control, adding that the only way to bring a just solution of the Dutch-Indonesian problem was to effect the return of the opposing forces to the position held before the Dutch embarked on their so-called "police action."

Canada proposed that the two parties and the Committee of Good Offices keep the Council informed of the progress of negotiations for a permanent settlement, but the Council adjourned until Friday without action.

Development Of Port Of Karwar

Govt. Committee To Go Into Technical Aspects Soon

KARWAR, Feb. 17 (A.P.I.)—The major ports development committee appointed by the Government of India last year "is soon going to the technical aspects of the development of Karwar port with the assistance of some technical experts to be provided for by the Government of Bombay", says a communication received by the President of the Karwar Municipality and the President of the Karwar Merchants' Association from the Secretary of the Ports Development Committee, Bombay.

The communication also requested them to supply to the Committee all available information on a number of points connected with the above port, "so that a strong case could be made out in its favour."

It may be noted here that from 1850 onwards all naval, marine and commercial experts who had undertaken a comparative study of the ports on the West coast of India had strongly emphasised the development or Karwar as a major port because of its natural lay-out serving as an all weather port.

Snow Storm Paralyses Communications

ANKARA, Feb. 18 (Reuter).—Snowstorms today paralysed communications across the Black Sea and severe weather was prevailing all over Turkey.

In many areas of north Asia Minor six feet of snow stopped horse and motor traffic.

In western Asia minor food supplies were running short.

GANDHIJI COMMEMORATION STAMPS

LONDON, Feb. 18 (Reuter)—British Post Master General, Mr. Wilfred Paling, rejected a suggestion today that a special British postage stamp or an overprint on current stamps "drawing attention to Mr. Gandhi's great services to world peace" should be issued.

He replied to Labour Member of Parliament, Mr. John Lewis's proposal: "while I cordially appreciate the sentiment, I regret it is not practicable."

Cambay Ruler's Lead

From Our Correspondent

CAMBAY, Feb. 18:

At a largely attended public meeting today the Ruler of Cambay made a fervent appeal to all his subjects to contribute to the best of their ability towards the Gandhiji memorial fund. His Highness declared the grant of land worth about Rs. two lakhs and Rs. 11,001 in cash for Mahatmaji's memorial.

DR. KUMARAPPA TO EDIT ENGLISH "HARIJAN"

BOMBAY, Tuesday (IPS). — The Managing Trustees of the Navjeevan Publications, Ahmedabad have decided to continue the publication of "Harijan", both English and Gujarati under new editorship to perpetuate Mahatma Gandhi's memory and propagate his ideals. Dr. J. C. Kumarappa has been invited to edit the English Harijan. The Gujarati edition will be edited either by Sjt. Kishorilal Mushruvala or Sjt. Maganbhai Desai, the Registrar of the Gujarat Vidyapith.

LETTERS TO GANDHIJI STILL COMING IN

NEW DELHI, Feb. 19 (U.P.I.): Many letters from India and abroad addressed to Gandhiji are being received almost every day since his death. One of the touching letters was received yesterday from an Australian admirer from Perth, who seems to have written the letter on January 22. In this letter the writer has appreciated Gandhiji's peace-mission activities and wished him God speed. He has prayed that God might spare Gandhiji for the longest span of life, namely, 125 years to serve humanity.

The sentiments conveyed through this letter brought tears in the eyes of any who went through its contentes in view of the particularly distressing context of the present situation.

JAIRAMDAS FLIES BACK TO DELHI

MADRAS, Feb. 18. (A. P. I.): Mr. Jairamdas Daulatram, Food Minister, who left here this morning by plane for Delhi after a 4-day tour of the province, called for the utmost determination and self-confidence in dealing with the Madras food situation.

BELGIUM SIGNS TRADE PACT WITH RUSSIA

BRUSSELS, Feb. 18 (Reuter).—A Trade Agreement between Belgium and Russia was signed in Moscow today, it was authoritatively learned here.

Under the new agreement Russia will supply Belgium with timber, pitprops, manganese and other minerals while Belgium will export to Russia 50,000 tons of iron goods, copper rails, pileflanks, excavators, rayon fibre and rags.

PESHAWAR:- (IPS) "Pakistan is not a sovereign Muslim state as claimed by the Muslim League but it is a British creation and set up for British Imperialist ends" This was the view reiterated by Khan Abdul Gaffarkhan, the Frontier Gandhi addressing a rally of Red shirts in Mardan district the other day.

ARGENTINE WARSHIPS FOR ANTARCTIC WATERS

LONDON, Feb. 18 (Reuter).—Two cruisers and six destroyers of the Argentine navy were reported from Buenis Aires due at Ushuaia, Tierra Del Fuego (Southern tip of South America) enroute to Antarctic waters, where Argentina and Chile are disputing British sovereignty over the Falkland Islands dependencies, a Reuter dispatch from Port Stanley, Capital of the Falklands, said today.

The 8,000 tons British cruiser "Nigeria" was steaming from South Africa for British owned Greenwich Island, one of the South Shetland group in the dependencies, where President Gonzalez Videla of Chile yesterday inaugurated the Chilean army base of Bernardo Ohiggins.

President Videla at the inauguration ceremony declared his country's rights in Antarctica were "indisputable", and that Chile was the "legitimate successor" of the Spanish Crown, coloniser of the western seas.

The Argentine nationals who have established a shore base at admiralty bay in the South Shetlands manned by one officer and two ratings have sent letters of protest of the Commander of the British base recently established there against the landing of his party and the building of a hut, it was learned today.

They have also protested to the master of the 1,200 ton Falkland Island Survey ship, John Biscoe, against what the protest called "sailing in Argentine territorial waters."

Both protests were firmly rejected on the instructions of the Governor of the Falkland Islands, Mr. Miles Clifford.

The John Biscoe was stated to be continuing her programme of relieving and restoring British bases in the South Orkneys, the South Shetlands, the Palmer Archipelago and Grahamland.

In Santiago De Chile Senor Manuel Trucco, Chilean Foreign Under-Secretary, claimed that the Inter-American defence pact signed in September last year clearly included "Chilean Antarctic territories."

This claim indirectly contradicted Mr. George Marshall's statement in Washington that the pact excluded certain territories of the Western Hemisphere—a statement which was taken to refer to the disputed Antarctic territories.

Senor Trucco cited the third and fourth articles of the treaty, which referred to "armed attack against any American States", and added that "the American security zone" described in the treaty included the "Chilean Antarctic territories" according to the official map published by the Pan-American Union.

'BOLSHEVISATION' OF CZECH PUBLIC POSTS

Difference Of Opinion Between Cabinet Members

PRAGUE, Feb. 19 (Reuter): Czechoslovakia's two-day old political crisis over Communist demands for "bolshevisation" of important public posts was unsolved last night after a meeting of the leaders of the four national front coalition parties had broken up in disunity.

Education minister M. Jaroslav Stransky, protested on behalf of the Socialists—who make up the Government with Communists, Social Democrats and Peoples Party—against what he called "threats from the Communist Party"

The Communists had warned members to be on guard against "sinister plans for a revolt by other Government parties to get rid of the coalition."

General elections are expected this spring after completion by the present Constituent Assembly of a new constitution, and the Communist party has already begun a campaign for a 51 per cent majority in the national front.

The crisis arose after a stormy Cabinet meeting yesterday at which Non-Communist Ministers charged M. Vaclav Nosek, Communist Minister of the Interior, with failing to carry out a Cabinet decision not to "bolshevice" important posts in Prague.

M. Nosek was absent from the meeting because of illness, but M. Klement Gottwald Communist Prime Minister, promised he would be present at a Cabinet meeting on Friday and ruled further discussion out of order.

DEFENCE OF JERUSALEM

Now U. N. Responsibility, Says Bevin

LONDON, Feb. 18 (Reuter): The defence of Jerusalem "is now the United Nations responsibility and the British Government cannot undertake it", Mr. Ernest Bevin, said today.

He had been asked by Sir Patrick Hannon, Conservative, in the House of Commons whether as the Holy City of Jerusalem had been the inspiration of human progress for thousands of years, he would see that it was protected from riots and bloodshed.

A former Labour Under Secretary for the Colonies, Mr. Ivor Thomas, said that British public opinion would be behind Mr. Bevin if Britain contributed to the defence of Jerusalem, but Mr. Bevin replied, "I cannot undertake to leave British troops there."

He reiterated Britain's position on the use of British troops: "We cannot take part in enforcing partition in Palestine or any solution not acceptable to Arabs and Jews.

JAWAHAR VISITING JULLUNDER ON FEB. 24.

JULLUNDER, Feb. 19 (UPI).—Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, India's Prime Minister, will visit Jullunder on February 24, when he will be inspecting arrangements in the refugee camps.

Sardar Patel, Deputy Prime Minister, and Sardar Baldev Singh, Defence Minister, are expected to visit Jullunder on Feb. 27.

Palestine Commission Advance Party To Jerusalem

British Are Anti-Jewish Says Zionist Leader

LAKE SUCCESS, Feb. 18. (Reuter): The Palestine question will come before the Security Council on Tuesday, February 24 the President of the Council announced here.

The delay was required by several Governments to give thorough study to the Palestine Commission's two reports, the President, General Andrew McNaughton, said.

Dr. Karel Lisicky (Czechoslovakia) chairman of the Palestine Commission, said yesterday that an advance party of four senior officers and two secretaries was expected to leave for Palestine within a week, despite British warnings that it was difficult to find accommodation in Jerusalem.

PROHIBITION OF FIRE ARMS BY U. S.

Dr. Lisicky, speaking on behalf of the Commission, could give no idea when its members expected to reach Palestine. Though he confirmed that they expect to spend some time in London on their way.

Senator Owen Brewster, Republican (Maine) declard in the Senate yesterday that state department policy in prohibiting arms shipments to Palestine was a "high handed and wholly unwarranted usurpation of legislative authority"

Senator Brewster said existing laws passed by Congress direct that the Secretary of the State "must grant every application for a licence to export arms unless such action violates a treaty."

Mr. David Ben Gurion, Chairman of the Jewish Agency Executive speaking in Tel Aviv, in the Habima Hall, declared last night "war will not end in Palestine until a Jewish state has been set up".

He said Britain was leading an anti-Jewish war, and as even opening the gates of Palestine to armed gangs.

The Jews did not depend solely on United Nations forces to implement partition, he added, but would themselves be responsible for repelling attacks which were instigated by the former Grand Mufti of Jerusalem.

CONSPIRACY TO THROW ACID ON WORKERS

Charge Sheet Against Madura Communists

MADURA, Feb. 18. (A.P.I.): The Crime Branch of Madura Police filed today a preliminary charge sheet before the town sub-magistrate against 9 persons described as Communists and Communist sympathisers in connection with alleged conspiracy to throw acid on loyal workers of Southern Roadways in the last week of January.

It may be recalled that the Southern Roadways transport workers who were members of the Communist-led Madura Motor Labourers' Union went on a lightning strike on January 26. Following the throwing of two bulbs filled with sulphuric acid on a Southern Roadways bus on the evening of January 30, the police arrested a few persons and seized from the residence of one of them two bottles of sulpuric acid and nitric acid and a number of fused bulbs and corks.

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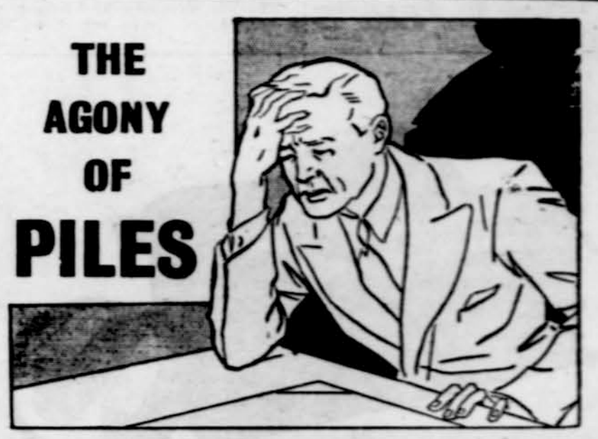

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To-day's Engagements

HEALTH MINISTER'S PROGRAMME:— On Friday, at 4-30 p. m. Hon. Rajkumari Amrit Kaur will attend the Annual Conference of the Bombay Presidency Women's Council at the Convocation Hall and later in the evening she will be present at a Reception at the Cricket Club of India by the Dental Conference Reception Committee. Earlier in the day she will visit the Nair Hospital and Dental College, the Byramjee Jeejeebhoy Home and also attend the Bhagini Samaj function.

On the 21st she will attend a tea party given in her honour by the Hon. Mr. B. G. Kher.

BOMBAY PRESIDENCY WOMEN'S COUNCIL CONFERENCE: Today (Friday) from 11 a.m. to 5-30 p. m. Speakers:— Prof. J. C. P. d'Andrade on "The Philosophical Aspect of Social Work," Mr. K. G. Saiyidain on "The Good Life", Mrs. Lilavati Munshi on "Compulsory Service of Students as Teachers", and the Hon'ble Raj Kumari Amrit Kaur, Minister for Health, Government of India, at 4-30 p.m.

B P W. C. AND ABDUCTION OF WOMEN:— The Secretary writes: in view of persistent rumours in the city relating to the abduction of women, the Bombay Presidency Women's Council will consider the question, and if necessary pass a resolution on the subject at the B.P.W.C. Conference at the Convocation Hall, today (Friday) at 4 p.m. Will all those interested in the subject and who have concrete information, kindly attend the meeting?

SRI AUROBINDO CIRCLE: Darshan Day celebrations tomorrow (Saturday) at 6 p.m. at Circle Hall, Anand Vihar, Nair Hospital Compound, Bombay Central.

BHAGINI SAMAJ: Opening ceremony of the Bhagini Samaj Maganlal Ghia Building by Shrimati Rajkumari Amrit Kaur Minister for Health the Government of India today (Friday) at 5-30 p.m. at Vanita Vishram Garden.

BOMBAY PRESIDENCY WOMEN'S COUNCIL: Her Excellency Rani Maharaj Singh will be visiting the Home Industries Depot Exhibition at the University Convocation Hall, today (Friday) at 11 a.m.

UNITED LODGE OF THEOSOPHISTS:— "The Origin of Mind" is the subject to be taken up for study on Friday at 6-15 p.m., at Jehangir Wadia Building Opp. Flora Fountain.

CASA D'ARTE DANTE ALIGHIERI:— Opening of the Italian Art Exhibition with the co-operation of the Bombay Art Society, by Sir Cowasjee Jehangir. Their Excellencies the Governor and the Rani will attend the function at 6 p.m. today at Cama Lodge 19 Peddar road.

WARD NO. 6 COUNCILLORS MEETING:— The Municipal Commissioner and the Councillors of Ward No. 6 Bhuleshwar Market will meet near the Pydhonie Junction in front of the Jain Temple on 21-2 1948 at 8-30 a.m. (S.T.) to go round the Ward instead of on 20-2-1948.

The residents of the ward who have any difficulties to bring to light are invited to be present at the appointed place and time.

GANDHI ERA THEATRES:— A few devotees of Gandhiji have organised a theatrical party named "Gandhi Era Theatres" with a view to preach Gandhism among the masses by staging theatrical dramas written specially on Gandhiji's teachings.

The first drama, which is proposed to be staged in March, is "Gandhi Chritre". Suggestions as to make this effort more successful may be sent to:— "SHAKTI", Mandvi Chambers (3rd floor) Khoja Galli, Bombay—9.

PLIGHT OF HANDLOOM INDUSTRY:— Mr. A. A. Shaikh, the General Secretary of the All India Momin Conference has sent a telegram to Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru and the other Ministers of Govt. of India in connection with the distress that the handloom industry in the country is facing on account of various control and trade restrictions in force. If authorities do not attend to the matter immediately grave situation affecting millions is inevitable.

STRI ZARATHOSTI MANDAL:— A meeting of the members and workers of the Stri Zarathosti Mandal and Sir Ratan Tata Industrial Institute was held on February 10 under the Presidentship of Lady Mavaj Bai Ratan Tata to mourn the death of Mahatma Gandhi. A condolence resolution was also passed at the meeting.

CONTRIBUTE TO GANDHI MEMORIAL FUND

Prof. P. A. Wadia, President, FREEDOM GROUP GANDHI NATIONAL MEMORIAL FUND Hormazd Villa, Cumballa Hill, writes:—

It is hardly necessary to remind you about the Gandhi National Memorial Fund, or about our duty towards it. The Congress Working Committee has issued directive for a minimum contribution of ten days' income. But that is only the minimum. I have confidence that you will give your BEST for the Cause.

As hitherto, for the Kasturba Memorial and the Refugee and other good causes, if you and your friends send your contributions either to Sjt. M. J. Gazdar at Bombay House, Bruce Street, Fort or to me they will be forwarded to the Fund and official receipts for the same sent.

ITALIAN ART EXHIBITION

At Cama Lodge, 19 Peddar Road, Sir Cowasji Jehangir will open an exhibition of Italian Art at 6 p.m. today. The exhibition, which is being held under the auspices of Casa D'Arte-Dante Alighiere and with the co-operation of the Bombay Art Society will remain open daily from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m, upto 27th February.

Health Minister Rajkumari Amrit Kaur inaugurated the All-India Dental Conference at the C. J. Hall on Thursday morning.

Carry Dental Aid To Our Rural Millions

Rajkumari Kaur's Plea At Conference: Kher Opens Dental Exhibition In City

The Hon. Rajkumari Amrit Kaur, Health Minister, Government of India, inaugurated the 3rd All-India Dental Conference at the Cowasji Jehangir Hall on Thursday morning. Delegates from all parts of India, viz., Punjab, Delhi, Bengal, Central Provinces, Madras and Ceylon attended the Conference.

At the outset Dr. Sorab P. Kapadia, Chairman, Reception Committee, referred to the great calamity that had overshadowed the country by the death of Mahatma Gandhi. The All-India Dental Conference put on record their respectful homage to his memory.

The resolution which was moved by Dr. S. P. Kapadia was carried standing with a two minutes silence as a mark of respect.

Dr. Kapadia then as Chairman of the Reception Committee welcomed the Hon. Rajkumari Amrit Kaur and the delegates at the conference and referred to the various activities of the Dental Association during the past year. The dental profession, he said, was clamouring for the Dental Act for over ten years and that it was high time that the Dental Bill sponsored by the All-India Dental Association was passed by the Indian Parliament in the current budget sessions. The advantage of such an Act were too numerous, viz., to regulate dental education, dental profession and dental health. It will also, he said, enforce rights of reciprocity in practice in foreign countries. In U.S. America, there were 38 dental colleges, 30 dental journals, 15 official organisations and over 70,000 registered dental surgeons. In India, he said, there were only three dental colleges, 1,500 dental surgeons and about 5,000 unqualified dental surgeons.

Dr. R. Ahmed, the President of the Association then hoped that they would be able to proceed with the reconstruction plan they had in mind with vigour and energy.

Hon. Rajkumari Amrit Kaur, then stressed on the importance of extending dental aid to the real India, viz., the India of the villages. No medical work in the city, however good, will touch the fringe of our problem, she said, unless we take the villages within the orbit of our endeavour. Our people were sadly ignorant so far as observance if laws of life were concerned. They required simple education by means of leaflets, posters, pictures, films, radios and travelling dispensaries. She advised the delegates to insist compulsory dental examination in schools and colleges.

NEED FOR DENTAL EDUCATION.

The need to carry dental aid to the millions who lived in rural areas was stressed by Mr. B. G. Kher, Premier of Bombay, while declaring open the exhibition organised by the All-India Dental Conference at the Cowasji Jehangir Hall, Bombay on Thursday afternoon

The exhibition consisted of articles explaining the evolution of dental science.

On the dental health of its people depended the weal and prosperity of the country, observed the Premier.

Mr. Kher also dwelt on the need for the improvement of dental education.

The Premier further remarked that he was aware that present day dental ailments were the bane of modern civilisation and were unknown to our ancesters who were blissfully ignorant of the scourge of pyrrhoea.

The Prime Minister's own mother who was 76 had a better set of teeth than himself.

Mr. Kher advocated medical care in schools so as to have a healthy younger generation who would be the citizens of the future.

He appealed to the Conference to devise ways and means to bring dental aid to rural areas and suggested that touring vans should periodically visit villages which had no dental clinics.

Concluding the Premier said that even from a purely aesthetic point of view the dentist's was a noble profession for he could transform an ugly, toothless mouth into a beautiful one.

TO-DAY ON RADIO

BOMBAY, Feb. 20 (Friday).

244 m. (1,231 kc/s)—7-30 a.m. S. R. Kulkarni (N. K. Kulkarni) 7-40 News (M) 7-50 News (G) 8-0 News (E) 8-15 News (H) 8-30 Raza Husain (Jaltarang) 8-45 S. A. Deshpande (Bhajan Mirabai) 9-0 Tarabai Gadagkar (Jaunpuri) 12-0 p.m. Programme of special interest to women (G) 12-45 News (M) 12-50 News (G) 12-55 Gayaki 1-25 News (H) 1-30 News (E) 1-40 Benny Goodman and his Orch. 2-0 Mills Brothers 2-15 Jimmy Dorsey and his Orch. 4-20 School Broadcasts 5-0 Raza Husain (Jaltarang) 5-15 Children's programme H. U and H 5-45 News (K) 6-0 News (E) 6-10 News (H) 6-15 W. N. Chapekar (Vocal) 6-30 Wali Mohammed (Gujarati Bhajan (sayvaras) 6-45 S. A. Deshpande (Sawani Nat) 7-0 Topic of Day 7-10 Locals 7-15 Raza Husain (Jaltarang) 7-30 Indo-Europiya Chitrakala (M) by N. M. Kelkar 7-45 Chandrodaya 8-0 News (M) 8-15 News (G) 8-30 Saraswatibai Patarpekar (Vocal) 9-0 News (E) 9-15 News (H) 9-30 B. B. C. News 9-40 Musical Interlude 9-45 The Retreat—He Walks Away (E) by Denys, M. Scot 10-0 P. B. Nipanikar (Darbari Kanada) 10-30 Tarabai Gadagkar (Kafi Kanada).

VARIATIONS.

41.44 m. (7,240 kc/s)—7-40 a.m. Thumri, Ghazal Aur Dadra 5-45 p.m. Wali Mohammed (Gujarati Bhajan Keshav) 6-15 Rural Listeners.

61.48 m. (4,880 kc/s)—7-45 p.m. Com. News 8-0 Wali Mohammed (Gujarati Bhajan 8-15 P. B. Nipanikar (Kannad Bhajan Basaweshar) 9-0 W. N. Chapekar (Vocal) 9-20 Tarabai Gadagkar (Khambasati) 10-0 Korshed Mehta: Soprano 10-15 Columbia Broadcasting Orch. 10-30 Rusi Mody: Violin (Mozart).

Bombay Weavers' Protest

A meeting of the handloom weavers was held under the auspices of the Bombay Handloom Weavers Federation to consider the plight of over 40,000 persons dependent on handloom in the city under the presidentship of Mr. M. U. Rajab, M.L.A., who in the course of his presidential speech hoped that as all weavers societies were financially threatened, Government of India will immediately reconsider their policy sympathetically. The following resolution was adopted unanimously:—

"The Bombay Handloom Weavers' Federation regretfully reminds the Government of India and authorities concerned that the cloth decontrol only furthered mill-owners' interests whereas retention of defective and detrimental yarn-control and other restrictions without consulting the representatives of handloom weavers and failing to foresee grave consequences of such an unwise move has economically crushed this hand-industry. Therefore, the Bombay Weavers' Federation strongly protests against the following:—

(a) Control on yarn, (b) Inter-provincial exporting permit-system, (c) Four annas per square yard export-duty and (d) Increase of already high yarn-rates and further demands inclusion of 25 per cent of handloom cloth in total annual textile-export abroad pro-rata home production figures to previous established markets as protection atonce.

Bombay City Ambulance Corps' Tribute To 'Great Ambulancer'

The volunteers of the Bombay City Ambulance Corps at the Special Parade held recently in connection with Mahatmaji's death passed the following resolution:—

"We, the volunteers of Bombay City Ambulance Corps, mourn with profound sorrow the sudden passing away of Mahatma Gandhi, the great and beloved teacher, leader and Father of the Nation, universally acclaimed the greatest man of the age, which happened under most tragic circumstances at the prayer ground at New Delhi, and pay our humble homage to his revered memory.

"To us he was the Great Ambulancer.

"We pledge ourselves to adhere to his great principles of truth and non-violence and follow to the best of our ability the lessons he taught us of service and sacrifice in the cause of humanity and lead the life of ceaseless effort and selflessness."

We salute His Sacred Memory."

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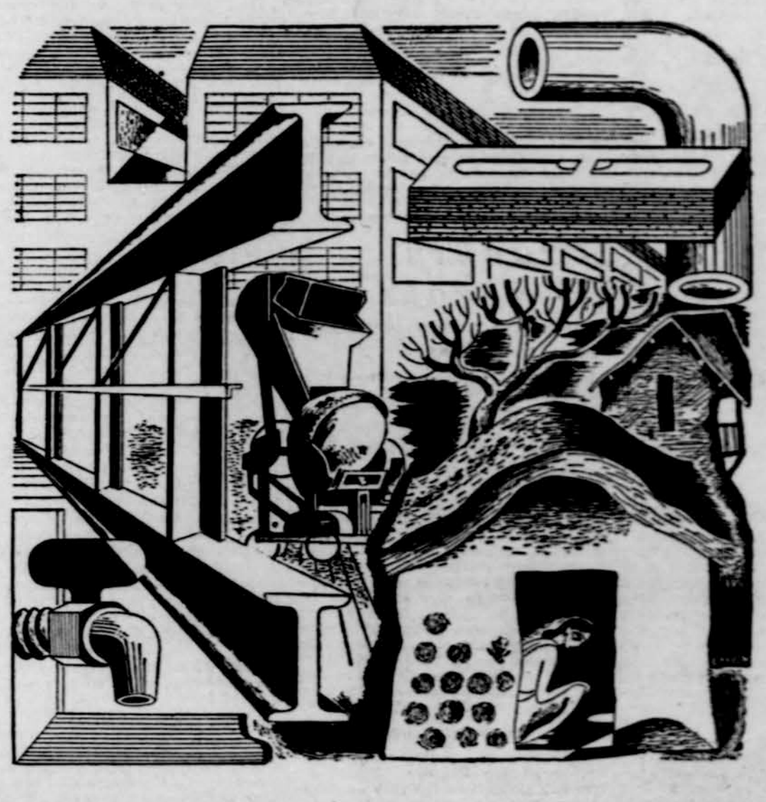
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ALL-INDIA WEATHER

POONA, Feb. 19, (A. P. I.): Following is the weather chart, showing the maximum and minimum temperatures and rainfall, in inches, during past 24 hours, from 1st November 1947, and departure from normal recorded at 08-00 hours (I. S. T.), on 19th inst.:—

Ahmedabad 86 66 0 4.4 plus 4.1, Allahabad 70 59 0.4 1.2 minus 0.9, BOMBAY 82 71 0 0.3 minus 0.5, Calcutta 85 63 0 3.3 plus 1.2, Colombo 87 72 0 15.8 minus 7.7, Delhi 66 55 0 2.6 plus 0.5, Hyderabad (Dn.) 90 69 0 1.1 minus 0.8, Indore 86 58 0 0.9 minus 0.2, Karachi 82 62 0.1 0.5 minus 0.6, Lahore 59 51 0.4 1.9 minus 0.3, Lucknow 66 57 0.1 1.3 minus 0.5, Madras 87 73 0 5.6 minus 15.6, Mysore 90 69 0 2.3 minus 1.1, Patna 81 60 0.1 0.6 minus 1.2, Poona 95 69 0 1.8 plus 0.4, Sholapur 95 68 0 0.4 minus 1.5.

WEATHER SUMMARY.

POONA, Feb. 19, (A. P. I.): Following is the weather summary for Thursday, (19th inst.):—

Observations from Western Pakistan and North-East India are very meagre. The western disturbance over East Rajputana has moved rapidly eastwards and lies this morning over east Central India and adjoining parts of East United Provinces and Chota Nagpur. It is likely to move east-north-eastwards. Another western disturbance has moved across Sind lies this morning as a shallow low over East Rajputana. A third western disturbance is affecting West Baluchistan.

Rainfall has been widespread in the United Provinces and local in Sind and the East Punjab. Scattered showers are also reported from Baluchistan, Rajputana the East Central Provinces and Malabar.

Night temperatures were appreciably above normal over Rajputana, the Central India, the Central Provinces, the United Provinces and the Punjab.

FORECAST UNTIL THE 20TH EVENING:—Rainfall will be local in the East Punjab, Kashmir, Bihar, Chota Nagpur, North Bengal, central parts of the country in Rajputana, the United Provinces, Western Pakistan, East Hyderabad, Malabar and Mysore.

A THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

"My Swaraj is to keep intact the genius of our civilisation. I want to write many new things but they must all be written on the Indian slate. I would gladly borrow from the West when I can return the amount with decent interest."
—MAHATMA GANDHI.

The Bombay Chronicle

RESTORE ABDUCTED WOMEN

On Monday last the Prime Ministers of India and Pakistan inaugurated the 'Restore Women and Children Week.' Of the many atrocities committed in the name of religion before and after the partition none were so inhuman and degrading as the abduction of women and children. It is not possible to say how many were abducted and there has been unconscionable exaggeration on either side about their number. But the complaints that are received by both governments about untraced women and children show that their number is large. Attempts were naturally made in both Dominions to trace and restore them to their relatives as early as possible after they had been lost. But they met with poor results in those days of disturbances. Now that communal warfare has subsided, thanks mainly to the superhuman efforts of Mahatma Gandhi, fresh attempts are being made and they may be far more successful if both the Government and the public co-operate and if the work begun during the week is continued as long as may be necessary.

In his speech inaugurating the Week Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru rightly observed that this problem was a constant source of friction between the two Dominions and we must solve it as early and as well as possible. Most note-worthy is his exhortation that we must regard this as a point of honour and must do our duty irrespective of what may be done in this behalf in Pakistan. The Prime Minister of Pakistan, too, has appealed to the people of both the Dominions to help in this noble duty in the sacred memory of Gandhiji who "staked his life to bring about a reunion of hearts and ultimately had to sacrifice his life for the vindication of his stand". "To dishonour women", he added, "is the most despicable act in the eyes of Islam. We, the Muslims of Pakistan, apart from political expediency, owe it as our moral and Islamic duty to restore all the abducted women and children". Sardar Patel indulged in no exaggeration when in a most feeling broadcast on Wednesday he said: "Failure in this mission would mean that we are not fit to face the bar of human history and must go down to the future ages as those who degraded humanity to depths lower than those of beasts."

Now, even as evil is wrought by want of thought as well as want of heart, the remedying of the evil demands careful thought as well as heart. The mission of what the Sardar aptly calls salvaging human treasures needs to be carefully planned. The Sardar himself realises this when he says: "It is obvious that an enterprise of such gigantic proportions cannot be successfully accomplished if we do not have both public and official support. Such support must be given by the Government and the people in both India and Pakistan. To withhold it, would be contrary not only to solemn undertakings entered into by both the Governments, but also to all laws of social existence and codes of honour. As far as possible the main exploratory measures must be carried out in each Dominion by joint agents of both Governments and with these must be associated efficient women social workers of both communities. Rewards should be publicly offered to such persons who give information helpful in tracing abducted women. Finally, we must repeat that the intensive work begun in the Week must be continued as long as it is necessary. Let all concerned realise that if they fail to make all humanly possible efforts to set right a terrible wrong against humanity they will go down in history as men who condoned the wrong.

De Valera's Exit

Eamon de Valera has been thrown out of the Eire's premiership after 16 years of uninterrupted occupation. As the spearhead of the Sinn Fein Movement, De Valera captured for his party 143 out of 148 seats in the general elections of 1917. Hence his losing the premiership by a narrow margin of 5 votes looks like an anti-climax in his brilliant and eventful career. Ordering the general elections, De Valera stated that the system of proportional representation tended to create a number of "splinter parties", which made the Government weak and unstable. He made a bold bid for return to power with a clear majority, and was not prepared either for compromise or for coalition. He wanted that Fianna Fail must rule by themselves or not at all, and refused to share office or Government on sufferance. Though several speakers suggested on the eve of the Premier's choice that he should drop party politics and lead an All-Party Government. De Valera stuck to his guns and lost the election. He would have no truck with Fine Gael or with Clann na Poblachta, the new Republican Party, as he thought that Government by small groups with conflicting views would expose Eire to weak and vacillating policies, detrimental to its interests. As the new Opposition leader, De Valera, will be a force to reckon with. His amazing political career is a Saga of Freedom, punctuated with agitation, rebellion, imprisonment and thrilling escapades. For leading the Easter Rebellion of 1916 he was sentenced to death, the sentence being subsequently commuted to penal servitude. However, his prison life was cut short by the general amnesty in 1917. He was again arrested for having planned a rebellion, timing it with the anticipated German invasion in the first world war. He miraculously escaped from jail in England to the U.S.A. and tried to carry on propaganda for Irish independence issue on American party platforms. In subsequent years, De Valera gave shape to and brought into being modern Eire, working on the slogan that "Britain's difficulty was Ireland's opportunity". His achievements dazzled the mind of the Indian politicians and gripped their imagination so much that many looked to him as an example to follow to achieve Indian freedom. Being a true and tried friend of India, De Valera's exit will be deeply regretted in India as elsewhere.

Frankly Speaking

Poona University

With the adoption of the Poona University Bill by the Bombay Assembly the long agitation for a separate university for Poona has come to a happy close. The university will be a teaching as well as an affiliating body. Its teaching activities will extend over Poona City and Taluka and the villages in Mulshi Petha, and Haveli Taluka, while its affiliating jurisdiction would be over the whole of Maharashtra, excluding Bombay City and the Suburban district. The Bombay University will continue to be a multilingual university and a model to show how the interests of all the principal languages under its jurisdiction can be duly safeguarded. Mr. Kher hopes to be in a position to sponsor in the near future similar bills incorporating separate universities for Gujarat and Karnatak.

Social Work In Sweden

Addressing the twelfth annual conference of the Bombay Presidency Women's Council in the City on Wednesday, Madame Hellenborg, wife of the Consul-General of Sweden in Bombay, pointed what may seem to Indians to be a Utopian picture of social service in Sweden. "Social work", she said, "in the sense of one class of people going out of their way to give direct help to another 'less fortunate' class, is not done in Sweden, because it is not needed. Society is so organised that everyone is more or less looked after." There was no special relief of poverty because "there are no poor." Nay, one never heard the expression 'poor' in Sweden. The 'lower income groups' were given special cards enabling them to buy essential foodstuffs including butter at considerably reduced prices. It appears that in so far as there is need for organised social service the Government itself organises it and recovers the cost from the public. And taxes, we are told, are so graded and planned that there are practically no very rich people in Sweden. By taking from the better-lotted and giving to the less fortunate the government has 'levelled' the whole population. Thus there are no 'privileged classes.' Everyone has to live simply and work hard.

Lesson For India

We earnestly hope this is not wishful thinking but an accurate statement of facts, uncoloured by patriotism. It is something in these days to be told that there are such paradises on earth, even making allowance for unconscious exaggeration. Madame Loodrup, wife of the Consul-General of Norway in Bombay, said that one could truly observe that Norway had given her people security from "the cradle to the grave" and that Norway had been called the "social laboratory" of Europe as many as forty years ago. India is not at all so fortunate as these and other countries of the West. But she can and ought to learn much from them. One thing at least is now quite clear that all the resources of the country should be concentrated on banishing poverty itself and not merely on more or less symbolical or make-believe efforts to relieve it. It is, however, superfluous to add that so long as poverty remains, Government must assume considerable responsibility for all the ameliorative work that it demands.

Bombay Municipal Elections

BY S. H. SHETH.

Elections are an integral part of a democratic system of government—municipal or national. The concept of 'popular sovereignty' is meaningless in this vast and complex society except under the circumstances when the power that people possess is delegated to a 'chosen' few who can effectively exercise it for the 'good' of the society at large. Delegating all power that people in a modern democratic state have to a 'chosen' few permanently would tend to create totalitarian tendencies in the rulers that be and, therefore, the periodical expression of popular desire in regard to their rulers becomes necessary. General elections is one such organised method of giving vent to such a popular wish.

The expression of this wish becomes complete only when every person of mature understanding with developed common sense is entitled to register his opinion. In our country, so far, only a part of the populace could so register their opinions or, in other words, there was what we call total absence, in all spheres of political representation, of adult franchise.

India is now politically independent and municipal elections in this city of ours—prima urbs Indies—are the first elections to be held on the basis of adult franchise.

The impending elections are different from their predecessors in many respects.

We have, now, adult franchise under which every man and woman of 21 and above—irrespective of any other differences among them—has a right to cast a vote. Last time, only people paying a rent of Rs. 5/- or above or holding lands or buildings could vote. Next, for the first time in the history of elections in Bombay, Hindus, Muslims and members of all other communities will vote for the same candidates—irrespective of their caste or communal distinctions. The system of Separate Electorates, responsible for spreading so much of communal poison, has now been abolished and, in lieu thereof, a system of Joint Electorates which has the potentialities of breeding inter-communal concord, harmony and brotherly love, has been introduced and the latter is in conformity with the prevailing democratic systems of political representations in the world. So long as we were tied down to the British yoke, our paramount need was a united front of all our countrymen to throw off the shackles of slavery. But, now, with the achievement of political independence, our needs have changed and with that, must change our strategy and angle of vision. Political independence must now be followed by national reconstruction and it is the people who must lay down the lines of a pattern of society which they want to create. When, therefore, people are called upon to decide upon such great problems, the unfettered right to vote assumes a great significance.

NEW FORCES

New forces have been coming up in the wake of political independence Allies of yesterday are rivals of today in some spheres of their political activities, if not all. Till the other day, Congressmen and socialists worked together, fought together and won together the battles of freedom. Today they are standing on different platforms, canvassing the votes of people for their respective parties.

Our civic structure needs many improvements and our civic life, too, wants many amenities. There are a host of civic problems—demanding urgent solutions. The Congress, in power for the last many years, blames the war and its aftermath for retarding their progress in these directions while the socialists blame the Congress for not 'taking a long stride.' Socialists, so far, have never been in control of municipal, provincial or national affairs and, therefore, it is not difficult for them to blame the Congress for a very slow pace of progress during the last 9 years that it has been in control of Bombay's municipal affairs. This also enables them to fill their Election Manifesto with so many promises. Congress has been faithfully serving the nation for the last so many decades and the 'local' Socialists, then, were an integral part of the local Congress. Today, they have parted their ways. It is therefore, rather difficult to say accurately in advance who will gain over whom.

There are a number of groups and parties in the election field. Mr. Jamnadas Mehta and his group of friends have taken cudgels against the Congress, in particular, to retain their seats. They see, in the present Municipal Congress corporators, a group of fascists and appeal to the electorates not to give them a fresh lease of life otherwise 'the municipal corporation will be pegged to the Vithalbhai Patel Road and ruled according to dictates issued therefrom. However, they do not seem to be seriously meaning 'to remove this fascist menace' (!!) since they are contesting only a few seats which will not give them majority to rule, even if they win all of them.

Communist Party and the Radical Democratic Party on the other hand, have put up only a few candidates in their select constituencies and do not mean to challenge any one. The latest comer into the field is the Trotsky group who are contesting only a few seats.

The serious contest, therefore, in the coming elections in the city is not between the outgoing 'Treasury Benches' and the 'Opposition' for there has been no challenging opposition from the outgoing 'Opposition' in these elections but between two groups of 'Treasury Benches' which are now divided. The 'old guard' claims to be the trusted servants of the people and seek their support on that basis while the 'dissentients' claim to be progressive in outlook and radical in programme and appeal to the unknown human instinct to achieve continual good for the society. The latter promise a right of 'recall' to the electorates, 'community centres' for the people, clubs for women, recreational facilities for the tired and fatigued, nurseries for children, city's best houses for the workers' clubs and convalescent homes for the ill and diseased. They assure, above all, the all-sided improvement in the city's structure and life. The former do not offer any such concrete promises but appeal to the electorates on the basis of their past relations and service. They believe 'Trust begets trust'.

It would, therefore, be very interesting to watch the results of these elections since they are the first general elections in Independent India, are quite different in character and are fought on a basis that was entirely unknown so far.

India Accepts 50 p.c. Of Liability For Strategic Railways

Matthai On Delhi's Deal With Pakistan

PRINCIPLE OF BOOK VALUE ADOPTED FOR COMMERCIAL LINES

NEW DELHI, Feb. 19, (API): Dr. John Matthai, Minister for Transport, replying to general discussion of the Railway Budget, said in the Dominion Parliament to-day that the principle in regard to division of capital liabilities that had now been agreed to between India and Pakistan was that as regards commercial lines, the capital liabilities would be based on the principle of book value, not earning capacity.

As regards strategic lines, representatives of Pakistan on the Partition Council wanted that much of the greater part of the liabilities in respect of strategic railways must be borne by India. The arrangement that had been arrived at was that India accepted 50 per cent of the liability.

Dr. Matthai said that the railways were not able at present to proceed very far with regard to the post-war development plans drawn up just before the close of the war. In the immediate future—he set no limit at all—the railways' object would be to consolidate their position.

As regards the question of contract labour in collieries, the railways had taken up that question and he was hopeful of making an immediate beginning with the reform of that system which, he agreed, was open to objections.

Dr. Matthai assured the House that whatever money the railways had in the betterment found would be devoted primarily to the question of relieving the "extraordinarily uncomfortable conditions under which third class passengers now travel".

HOUSE WANTS TO BE SURE

Mr. K. Santhanam, opening the general discussion on the Railway Budget, said that the material placed by the Transport Minister was not adequate to convince the House that the railways were working as efficiently as circumstances permitted. Mr. Santhanam found that the ordinary working expenses of the B. B. and C. I. were 287 per cent, E. I. R. 372 per cent, B. N. R. 380 per cent and G. I. P., M. S. M. and S. I. R. 332 per cent on the 1938-39 figures. An explanation was needed why the E.I.R. and B.N.R. figures were sixty per cent over the All-India average and why the B. B. and C. I. could manage with 287 per cent.

The House wanted to be sure that the entire loss of Rs. 25 crores on grain shops was due to benefits which accrued to railway workers, that there was no leakage or wastage, misappropriation or corruption.

TRIBUTE TO TRANSPORT MINISTER

Kazi Syed Karimuddin paid a tribute to the Transport Minister for his lucid exposition of the state of railways finances and pleaded for the appointment of a tribunal to go into grievances of railway employees.

CAPITAL LIABILITIES HIGHER THAN EXPECTED

Pandit Hridaynath Kunzru said that the manufacture of wagons in this country should be increased and the cost per wagon brought down. "At present there are four or five concerns which offer tenders for the construction of wagons. They seem to have combined themselves and to have kept the price at a pretty high level. Some other concerns should be induced to take up the matter. Thus, the number of wagons manufactured in this country might be increased and at the same time economy might be effected."

Pandit Kunzru hoped that before any decisions were arrived at, the question of regrouping railways should be placed before the Indian Railways Enquiry Committee.

THINGS STILL BEING DONE IN TRADITIONAL WAY

Prof. Shah said that while he congratulated the Railway Minister on his lucid presentation, he must at the same time point out that the real position of the railways had been kept closed to the public. Things were still being done in the traditional way and any plans regarding railways should be duly considered by the House before they were finalised.

The profit shown in the figures was no profit at all; it was something like the State taking from one pocket while filling another pocket. The commercial value of railways should not overshadow their character as a public utility service and the two should be reconciled.

He urged that measures should be taken to combat corruption and the sense of irresponsibility prevailing among a section of railway employees.

Mr. Harihar Nath Shastri pleaded for justice to railway employees. With increasing amenities and a better standard of life granted to railway employees, corruption would disappear and there would be a corresponding increase in their efficiency.

"PERNICIOUS SYSTEM" IN COLLIERIES

Mr. B. Shiva Rao said he was disappointed to find that the Railway Board had done almost nothing to eliminate the "pernicious system" of handling over work in collieries to contractors.

CHECK CORRUPTION

Referring to the question of corruption, Mr. Shiva Rao said that the visible and invisible income of some of the subordinates in railway service was more than the salaries drawn by members of the Railway Board (laughter). A great deal could be done to check corruption through propaganda.

LABOUR NOT PUTTING FORTH ITS FULL EFFORTS

In regard to ticketless travelling, Mr. C. Subramanyam suggested that non-officials in particular regions should be authorised to co-operate with the authorities in combating this evil. A mere expansion of the ticket examining staff would only "expand the ring". Among the public there was not yet the full realisation that the railways were a National asset and any loss sustained by the railways was a National loss. Non-officials, he said, could be utilised to do propaganda among the travelling public.

REPLY TO DEBATE.

Dr. John Matthai, Transport Minister, replying to the debate, said that a fundamental issue had been raised by Mr. Santhanam, namely, whether the kind of Parliamentary machinery we had set up to scrutinise railway matters was adequate. He felt that for the Standing Committee to discharge its duties satisfactorily, each sitting must last at least a fortnight, but this would involve also an extension of the secretariat part of our Parliamentary machinery and availability of more satistics.

POOR STATISTICAL EQUIPMENT.

One of the weakest points about our administrative structure and set up for many long years had been the poor statistical equipment with which our administrative machinery had been provided. At the best of times our statistical equipment had been very poor and entirely inadequate. Now, on top of that, we had had partition and the disturbances arising from it. We could not go on as an independent country with the development of the various schemes of economic construction that we had in view unless we were going to give a great deal more attention to the building up of a proper statistical establishment in the country (hear, hear). As far as the railways were concerned, it was his intention at a very early date to have a senior officer of the Railway Ministry to go abroad and examine the way in which statistical material was compiled in other countries which had made much more progress in this matter than we had.

STANDARD OF EFFICIENCY.

The Transport Minister admitted that the standard of efficiency that the railway had achieved was far from being the sort of standard that ought to prevail on them. Pandit Kunzru had asked whether we were getting an adequate return for the increase in operating ratio. "I am very glad that this whole question of operating ratio and standard of efficiency is going to be examined by Pandit Kunzru (laughter). I can await his conclusion with the greatest interest". (Pandit Kunzru is Chairman of the Railway Enquiry Committee).

As regards turn round of wagons, Dr. Matthai said that this ultimately boiled down to the question of the over use to which railway equipment was put during the war, combined with the under maintenance which they were able to secure.

THE BOTTLENECK.

The Transport Minister said he had so got used to transport being described as the great bottleneck of production that sometimes he felt himself to be a living, walking kind of bottleneck (laughter). But if one read any kind of text book on the question of railway transport, he would find that railway transport itself depended very largely upon production (more laughter).

As regards implementation of the Pay Commission's recommendations there were still outstanding questions arising from the Commission's report which were being still discussed and considered.

REGROUPING SCHEME.

As regards regrouping, an officer now on special duty was actively concerned with formulating a scheme for the regrouping of railways which were closely bound up with the partition arrangements. He had not yet received the report of that officer. When that report was received, he would certainly consider the suggestion that it should be placed before the Railway Enquiry Committee. He would also consider whether other interests concerned should also be consulted.

PORCING PACE OF INDIANISATION.

They were at the end of one kind of war but right in the thick of another, in some respects a more serious kind of war. "I have been very severely criticised in certain quarters for forcing the pace of Indianisation. There are critics of this country both here and abroad who are waiting to see that this process of Indianisation is producing results of the kind they said the country would be faced with. And it seems to be a matter of the greatest importance that these Indian Officers who have come to responsible positions should be helped to the largest possible extent by representatives of the country in this house. They need it, they deserve it (cheers). I am aware of the doings of a minority and it is one of the problems to which we are going to give very close and very detailed attention".

Dr. Matthai also pointed out that the problem of corruption was not peculiar to the Railways in India.

PROMISE OF AMENITIES.

It was perfectly true, and there was no use hiding that fact, that the railways had done very little in the way of providing amenities for the lowest class passengers. "We have been giving promises all through the years but we have not implemented our promises. I am hoping that it will be possible in the very near future to make a little beginning with an honest implementation of these undertakings. It is a problem the importance of which I am extremely aware of. As far as I am concerned, I am going to see that whatever money we have in the betterment fund is devoted primarily to the question of relieving the extraordinarily uncomfortable conditions under which third class passengers now travel" (cheers).

The House will take up demands for grants on February 20, 23 and 24.

TÊTE-A-TÊTE

"Personally I do not believe in imprisoning by way of punishment even those who commit violence. My creed of non-violence does not favour the punishment of thieves and dacoits and even murderers. I cannot in all conscience agree to anyone being sent to the gallows.

I would be participator in violence if I approved of the Penal Code and its sanctions. If I had my way I would fling open doors of prisons and discharge even murderers. But I know that in holding this opinion, I am in the proud position of being in the minority of one.

All crimes are different kinds of diseases and they should be treated as such by the reformers. That does not mean that the police will suspend their function of regarding such cases as public crimes, but their measures are never intended to deal with causes of these social disturbances.

To do so is the special prerogative of the reformer."
—GANDHIJI.

MESSAGE OF MAHATMA GANDHI

(By GULAMALI HABIB)

While the world mourns and India weeps, there is a lesson for everyone of us from Gandhiji's great sacrifice Gandhiji always dreamt of an India free from poverty but rich in knowledge, where the minorities enjoyed the same rights and privileges as the majority community, where there would be no communal hatred but love among the sons of a common motherland. While the communal leaders shouted, "Hindus Unite"! "Muslims Unite"! Gandhiji said "Indians Unite"! Indeed, among his last words were: "I would rather die than see Hindus and Muslims live separately".

Gandhiji like a true patriot strove to unite the country. He practised and preached religious tolerance, often at prayer meetings he would recite a few verses from Koran, although it displeased a few from the crowd, who suspected his good intentions. Gandhiji respected not only Islam but all the other religions of the world, although a devout Hindu himself.

Among Gandhiji's last appeals was one addressed to Indian Muslims whom he exhorted to be ready to join Congress when invited and welcomed by the Congress leaders, in view of the fact that Maulana Azad's appeal to Indian Muslims to join Congress was made before Gandhiji's appeal, it would be apparent that Gandhiji was looking forward to hear such an appeal from the Hindu Congress leaders. Will they come forward and issue such an appeal? For that way lies the way to Hindu-Muslim unity which was so much cherished by him. The Congress can offer the necessary platform for Hindus, Muslims and other Indians to unite in the service of our great motherland.

SINDHI v. NON-SINDHI

Karachi Govt.'s Grave Concern About Class Prejudice

KARACHI, February 19. (A.P.I.): Mr. N. A. Faruqui, Home Secretary to the Government of Sind, at a Press Conference here this evening stated that the Government of Sind viewed with grave concern the class prejudice which has recently grown between Sindhi and non-Sindhi Muslims and added: "If any person, whether official or non-official, is found creating friction by preaching class prejudice, the Government will be constrained to take strong action for which it possess adequate powers.

Mr. Faruqui said: "The large influx of refugees has accentuated this prejudice. The prejudice has been created by propaganda by persons who do not realise that if there is any conflict between Sindhis and non-Sindhis (whether they are refugees or not), it will be disastrous for both and for the Province of Sind. Whilst the Government desires that the refugees should behave like law-abiding citizens of this province, and that they should not abuse the hospitality offered to them here, they also wish to make it clear to the people of this Province that the Government have agreed to accept only so many refugees as can be rehabilitated conveniently in the Province.

"The government are anxious to see that the interests of the people of the Province are not endangered in any way. The refugees have suffered grieviously in India and their faults have to be tolerated patiently and broad-mindedly. When they settle down as law-abiding citizens of this Province, the Government hopes that they will add to the wealth and property of their new homes".

The Secretary of the Home Department, Government of Sind said: "Those who create class prejudice do not realise that unconsciously they are behaving exactly as the worst enemies of Pakistan would want them to. There is no surer way of judging the rights of wrong of a particular action than that of putting it to the test just mentioned, namely whether your enemies desire you to act in that way or not. If they do, the action is clearly wrong. The Government, therefore, appeals to both refugees and Sindhis to live in a brotherly and affectionate manner and to put up with each others faults as two brothers do.

NO BAN ON LEAGUE CONFERENCE

MADRAS, February 19. (U.P.I.): That there was no proposal at present before the Government to ban holding of the Indian Muslim League Conference to be convened shortly by Mr. Mohamed Ismail, leader of Opposition in the Madras Assembly and Convenor of the Indian Union Muslim League, was the reply given by Dr. P. Subbaroyan, Home Minister, Madras, answering interpellations in the Madras Assembly today.

The Minister further stated that the Government were closely watching if the Muslim Leaguers supported the Nizam against the Indian Union or Pakistan in regard to the Kashmir raid but that none of them in this province so far were found to be supporting the Nizam or Pakistan.

Answering the supplementary the Home Minister said that the Leaguers too had the right of enjoying the fundamental rights and added, but such enjoyment should be without endangering safety of the Indian Union.

Plea To India Govt. For Compensation

'A Few Crores Of Loss' Sequel To Outbreak Of Violence In Deccan States & Poona

POONA, Feb. 19, (A.P.I.): While peace and quiet has been restored in Poona and the Deccan, the loss caused by the recent outbreak of violence is now calculated at a few crores of rupees.

According to information collected by the Mahratta Chamber of Commerce and Industries, apart from the losses sustained by individuals, the business community of Poona, Sangli and Bhor alone suffered losses estimated at more then half a crore of rupees.

In Poona, a printing press, a newspaper office and a few shops were burnt. In Bhor and Sangli, engineering firms and factories were similarly destroyed.

The Committee of the Chamber in a representation addressed to the Government of India today has pleaded that Government should compensate those who suffered at the hands of rioters in the recent outbreak, and the compensation should be made good from the unutilized surplus of the War Risks Insurance Fund lying at the disposal of the Government.

The Committee has also suggested that a compulsory scheme of riot insurance on the lines of the War Risks Insurance Fund might be instituted by the Government to protect private and business interests suffering during times of stress and civil commotion.

CONGRESS EXPECTED TO COMMAND MAJORITY

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total number of voters had exercised their franchise.

WARD 4 (MANDVI)

Hindu and Bohra women vied with one another to vote for the Congress and Muslim League candidates at the Nowroji Hill Booths. A fleet of motor cars brought Hindu and Bohra women among whom were also a few aged who were supported to go to the polling booths. There were seven candidates for four seats. One Muslim candidate Mr. Manomed Yusuf who ran as an independent first retired in favour of Mr. Akbarali Nazmi the Muslim League candidate. Mr. Mahomed Yusuf persuaded his voters to vote for Mr. Nazmi the Muslim League candidate. However the Congress candidates were scoring splendidly. The total number of voters in this ward are 23,689. The following candidates contested for four seats:

Mr. Devji Ratansy (C), Mr. Damji Jethabhai Shah (C), Mr. Dattatraya Amrut Dhoble(C), Mr. Saiebhai Abdul Kadar (C), Mr. Premji Kenya (S) and Mr. Akbarali Najmudin Nazmi (M.L) Mr. Mahomed Yusuf who was an Independent candidate retired in favour of Mr. Nazmi.

Polling was brisk.

WARD 7 (KHARA TALAO).

Enthusiastic scenes were witnessed throughout the day at the Northbrook Garden booth. In this predominantly Muslim ward, three Muslim League, one Congress, one Socialist, and two Independent candidates contested for four seats. Mrs. Shufi Tayabji and Mr. N. Y. Bandukwalla both League candidates received good support and are tipped as "certainties". An independent candidate, Khan Bahadur Allabux did very well and is likely to get a seat.

The Congress candidate, Mr. G. G. Morarji was backed up by the Hindu voters and has good chances for success.

Other candidates in the field are Mr. A. H. Noorbhai, (Socialist) Mr. A. I. Arsiwalla (Independent) and Mr. Dhorabjiwalla (League).

About 9,000 voters exercised their franchise out of 28,145 in this ward.

WARD 9 (MARKET)

There was an overwhelming support for the Congress in the Market Constituency polling for which took place at the north-end of the same maidan. Here, after a dull start, polling was fairly brisk and by 12-30 p.m. about 5000 out of a total of 31556 voters had recorded their votes.

There were four candidates for three seats. The Socialist candidate Mr. Virchand B. Seth played almost a losing game, and his booth was completely deserted. The majority of voters strongly supported the three Congress candidates Mr. Ramshai S. Panday, Mr. Kodaidas K. Shah and Mr. Ganpatishankar Desai, Mr. Panday led the poll being solidly supported by the Marwari voters.

In all 10,000 out of a total number of 31,550 voters had voted during the day in this constituency. This gives a rough estimate of 35 per cent.

WARD 12 (GIRGAUM).

The Bombay Postmen's Union leader, Mr. Sushil S. Kavleker (Socialist) and Mrs. Sulochana Mody (Congress) seemed at the end of the polling at the Gowalia Tank, to have scored a definite victory over their rival candidates in the election for this ward.

A hot contest for the third seat took place later in the day between Mr. S. V. Sovani (Congress) Mr. Jamnadas Mehta (Citizens' Election Board) sitting member of the Corporation for the last twenty-five years and Mr. Lalji Pendse (United Maharashtra Front).

Mr. Pendse's agents were optimistic about his success.

Mr. Chimanlal Shah Editor of "Chitra" and Mr. Bhanubhai Vyas (Socialist) were the other contestants.

About 13,000 voters registered their votes out of 30,157.

WARD 15 (MAHALAXMI)

In this Ward three seats were contested by seven candidates—Messrs. B. A. Dalal, Sunderdas Morarji and J. B. Vichare (Congress); Mrs. V. N. Shroff (Socialist); Miss P. D. Barucha (Independent Socialist); Messrs. R. K. Tatnis and S. P. Mehta (Independent). Out of a total number of 26,114 voters in this Ward, 4,672 had exercised their franchise by midday.

The real tug-of-war was between the Congress and the Socialist candidates. The Independent candidates seemed to have got poor support. However, canvassing was brisk throughout the day and no party seemed to have lost hope. At the close of the day, about 9,000 persons had cast their votes.

WARD 17 (KAMATIPURA)

In Kamatipura, 9 candidates are officially contesting the three available seats, though Mr. A. R. Gangal (Independent) and Mr. M. U. N. Dahlvi (Independent) both withdrew. By closing time 10,000 of the 25,528 voters who comprise this constituency had recorded their votes. Mr. L. P. Pujari who was leading in the morning, was still leading with a big margin, in the evening. Mr. V. R. Tulla (Congress), appears to be another certainty. The third seat may go to any one of these three candidates, who seemed to be getting more or less equal support. They are Mr. Ali Mohamed Fatealli (Congress), Mr. D. B. Rapallu (Socialist) and Mr. T. S. Ozarkar (S. C. Federation).

WARD 18 (NAGPADA)

About 8,821 voters exercised their franchise and cast five times as many votes by closing time at the Y. M. C. A. grounds, Byculla, for the Nagpada constituency. There are more than 30,000 voters here and eight candidates are contesting the five available seats, one of the candidates, Socialist M. Gohil having withdrawn at the last moment.

It is estimated that at closing hour Scheduled Class candidate, Mr. H. K. Patel, had bagged 15,000 votes or more than one-third of the total votes cast. Next in order appeared to be Mr. Mohiuddin Harris, Socialist, who received a large measure of support, having received more than 9,000 votes. Mr. A. H. Mirza, Muslim League, is regarded as the next best-supported candidate, Dr. Ramachandra Nayen, Congress, closely following. The other candidate who seems to have a reasonable chance is Mr. K. G. I. Sadruddin, Muslim League. Mr. R. A. Gole, (C.E.B.), Mr. H. L. Durbar (Congress), and Mr. B. N. Rathod (Congress), did not appear to have any chances whatever.

WARD NO. 23 (SEWRI)

In this ward the contest was a straight one between the Congress and the Communist party candidates. The former had put up its two candidates in the field. They were Mr. M. R. Borade and Dr. R. G. Kokam while the latter had its one candidate Mr. Ramchandra K. Bogle. Mr. G. G. Mehta was contesting on the Socialist ticket.

There were 19,746 voters on the list in this ward and they had to elect two members.

Since the morning when the polling started the Communist candidate was receiving solid support and taking a note of this one of the Congress candidates Dr. Kokam unofficially announced the withdrawal of his candidature and the Congress supporters concentrated all their canvassing for their only candidate Mr M. R. Borade.

The Socialist candidate Mr. Mehta was receiving poor support.

WARD NO. 26 (NAIGAUM)

Messrs. D. S. Kshirsagar and K. B. Palav (Congress) as well as Mr. Laxman Ganesh Thatte (C.E.B.) announced the withdrawal of their candidatures in this ward soon after polling started and only five candidates were left in the field to capture 4 seats. They included Dr. Dattatraya Balkrishna Kulkarni (Congress) Mr. Sakharam B. Mahadeshwar (Congress) Principal M. V. Dhonde (Socialist) Mr. S. N. Raut (Socialist) and Mr. Vithal Yeshwant Mohite (Scheduled Caste Federation).

After the withdrawal of the two Congress candidates, the Congress supporters briskly canvassed for Mr. Mahadeshwar and Dr. Kulkarni and according to observers both of them received good support. The most leading candidates in this ward was Mr. Mohite who was getting solid votes of the Harijan community. The Socialist candidates were also receiving some support and one of them Mr. Dhonde who got good support may succeed.

WARD NO. 29 (LOVE GROVE)

In this Ward, four seats were contested by eight candidates, Messrs. B. N. Garad, a Communist supported-candidate and G. B. Gavchari, a Socialist candidate having announced their withdrawal earlier. Messrs. K. M. Bhujpuria, N. D. Kadam, N. H. Mahan and P. L. Sirdar Singh (Congress); B. S. Jha and Lala Sahib Moite (Socialist); S. S. Mirajkar (Communist) and G. S. Sonavane (S. C.F.) were the eight candidates. Out of 31,288 in the Ward, 6916 persons had cast their votes by midday

It seems almost certain that the Communist candidate Mr. S. S. Mirajkar may get the highest number of votes. Of the Congress candidates, Messrs. K. M. Bhujpuria and P. L. Sirdar Singh it seems, may come out successful. The Socialist Mr. B. S. Jha's success also seems certain.

Canvassing was brisk throughout the day. At the close of the day, about 12,000 persons had cast their votes.

WARD NO. 32 (PRABHADEVI)

Seven candidates—three Congressmen, two Socialists and two Independents—contested three seats from Prabhadevi Ward, a predominantly Hindu, working class area. Although the polling station at Shivaji Park was at a fair distance from the constituency, there seemed no lack of enthusiasm.

There were nearly 26,500 voters on the registers in this ward the bulk of them, 24,000 and odd being Hindus.

Of the 3 Congress candidates in the field, Mr. Jagdevshankar Sharma, Mr. Kasiprasad Singh and Mr. V.M. Nagvekar, the first two appeared to have received heavy support. The two socialist candidates, Mr. G. B. Sharma and Mr. S. A. Keluskar attracted a fair number of voters.

There were also two independent candidates in the field-Mr. M. N. Birje and Mr. M. S. Gokhale. Mr. Gokhale did not seem to figure anywhere in the picture, his camp was practically deserted. But Mr. Birje appeared a hot favourite and according to some observers his chances appear pretty rosy.

Towards noon the Socialist candidate Mr. Sharma announced the withdrawal of his candidature and his supporters briskly canvassed for Mr. Keluskar and there were good response.

Fatal Stabbing On Election Day

A fatal stabbing of a Communist worker and a few cases of stone throwing between rival volunteers marred the otherwise peaceful conduct of the Bombay Municipal elections today.

According to reports, Pandurang Sonu Bardekar, a worker of the Phoenix Mills and a volunteer for Mr. S. S. Mirajker, Communist Party candidate from Ward 29, Love Grove, was stabbed on Fergusson Road, on his way to the Worli polling booth in a lorry. When the lorry stopped for some purpose on the way, a number of supporters of a rival party attacked the persons with stones. In the melee that followed, Pandurang was stabbed by some miscreants. He was immediately removed to hospital but died soon after admission.

A few persons, including a 'Sevika', were injured in stone throwing incidents in Naigaum, Worli and Sewri areas.

Gandhiji's Ashes In Ceylon

Immersion In River On Sunday

COLOMBO, Feb. 18, (Reuter): Part of the ashes of Mahatma Gandhi were brought to Ceylon by air today and received by the Prime Minister, Mr. D. S. Senanayake.

The Prime Minister was in tears as he received the ashes from the Indian High Commissioner Mr. V. V Giri.

Several members of the Diplomatic Corps were at the airfield.

The ashes were placed in a decorated car and taken in a procession formed by 200 cars to Colombo Town Hall, where they will be on public view for three days.

They will then be divided into five parts and taken to five sacred places on the Island to be immersed in river simultaneously at 10-30 a.m. on Sunday.

"Gandhi Temple" For Calcutta

CALCUTTA, Feb. 18, (A.P.I.): The Calcutta Corporation today unanimously resolved to rename Chowringhee Road, one of the principal thoroughfares of the City, as "Mahatma Gandhi Road".

A number of prominent businessmen of the city have sponsored a proposal to establish a "Gandhi Temple" in Burra Bazar, Calcutta's Indian business centre. In an appeal they have issued they say that the step is being taken to perpetuate the sacred memory of Mahatma Gandhi. The signatories include Messrs. Bhagirath Kanoria, Mulchand Agrawal and Basanta Lal Murarka, M.L.A.

HIS SPIRIT WILL GUIDE US

POONA, Feb. 18.

The four Afghan noblemen, Sardar Hafizullah Khan, Sardar Habibullah Khan, Sardar Inayatullah Khan and Sayed Mohomed Yaqub Khan in a statement say:

We recollect the day when we had an interview with Mahatma Gandhi for about half-an-hour Feb. 22 1946, when he was in Poona. We really had not realised till then his great name and fame. No doubt he was not only a leader but also a guiding soul. Today we deeply regret the great loss not only to India but to the whole of Asia. He had great sympathy for Afghans and their country. We feel his spirit will guide us all and lead us on the right path.

Now it is the duty of Young India and its leaders to follow Mahatmaji in his foot-steps and hold the flag of freedom flying high and strive for a United one India.

Sec. 144 Reimposed In Peshawar

PESHAWAR, Feb. 19, (UPI): Section 144 Cr. P. C. has been reimposed throughout the Peshawar District for one month and public meetings have been banned.

The District Magistrate, in the course of his order, explains that certain people are attempting to exploit the present supplies of difficulties by organising public meetings and creating unjustified agitations.

It may be recalled that recently the Premier, Khan Abdul Quyum Khan, publicly accused some of his Party men for doing propaganda against the Ministry in regard to the food stringency and thanked Dr. Khan Saheb and his Party for its co-operative attitude.

BIRTH OF A NEW STATE

The Jamsaheb of Nawnagar, Rajpramukh of Saurashtra taking his oath of office in the presence of Sardar Patel on Feb. 15, when the United State of Kathiawar came into being.

Investment Of Assets In Pakistan

New Directive To Insurance Companies And Trusts

KARACHI, Feb. 19, (A. P. I.): A press note of the Pakistan Ministry of Finance on the investment of assets in Pakistan Government Securities stated:—

"Under Section 27 of the Insurance Act, 1938 as adapted by the Pakistan (Adaptation of Existing Pakistan Laws) Order, 1947, insurance companies operating in Pakistan are required to invest a specified proportion of their assets in Pakistan) Central Government Securities. This proportion cannot be invested in the securities of any other country.

"Similarly under Section 20 of the Indian Trusts Act, 1882, the trustees of the Trusts in Pakistan are bound to invest their monies in the (Pakistan) Central Government Securities, and in no others. This precludes investment in Government of India Securities.

"The above facts are brought to the notice of the Insurance companies and trusts concerned for guidance."

ARRESTED IN VILE PARLE

(From Our Correspondent)

VILE PARLE, Wednesday.

Early morning today Mr. Soloman, Santa Cruz Sub-Inspector of Police accompanied by an officer from the Bombay C.I.D. raided some of the places in Vile Parle East in connection with R.S.S. activity. They had about ten names for searches and arrest.

Amongst the eight arrested today are Mr. Ram Marathe Mr. Deshpande, Mr. Surve, Mr. Burve, Mr. Pravin Shah etc. Two of the persons are still on the wanted list. This brings the total of those arrested to 32 out of whom six have been released after interrogation.

EAST PUNJAB BAN ON R.S.S.

SIMLA, Feb. 18, (A.P.I.): The Governor of the East Punjab has declared the Rashtriya Swayam Sewak Sangh Supply Stores, Amritsar, the R.S.S.S Offices at Rurka Kalan and Nawanshahr in Jullundur District and ten places in Ludhiana District to be Notified Areas under the Indian Criminal Law amendment Act, in consequence of the Rashtriya Swayam Sewak Sangh Association being declared an unlawful body

GAUHATI ARRESTS

Eight persons belonging to the Rashtriya Swayam Sevak Sangh were arrested here this morning by the police. The police also searched the residences of those arrested. Some arms were seized. The arrested men, who include a prominent Marwari businessman, have been remanded to custody.

MADRAS DETENUS

MADRAS, Feb. 19, (A.P.I.): There were 294 persons belonging to the R.S.S. Sangh and forty-four volunteers of the Muslim National Guards now under detention in the Province, stated Dr. P. Subbaroyan, Home Minister, answering a question in the Madras Assembly today.

He said the cases of these people were being examined and such of them as were considered not to be a source of danger to the State would be released. Hitherto fifty-five R.S.S. members had been released while none had been set free among the League National Guards.

MAYURBHANJ BAN

BARIPADA (Mayurbhanj), Feb. 19, (A.P.I.): Muslim National Guards and Khaksar organisations, or any other organisations working under these denominations within Mayurbhanj State, have been declared unlawful associations by the State Government.

IMMERSION CEREMONY ABANDONED

RAJSHAHI (East Bengal), Feb. 18, (A.P.I.): The Saraswati immersion ceremony was abandoned and the procession taken out in this connection was dissolved last evening by the local Saraswati Puja Procession Committee, alleging that a number of Muslim National Guards and other Muslims had raised an objection to the procession passing a mosque on the prescribed route.

Reds Break Into Anshan

NANKING, Feb. 19, (UPA): The Communist troops in Manchuria had broken into Anshan, the only remaining Government barrier guarding Mukden's southern flank, according to pro-Government dispatches.

Nationalist observers admitted the loss of Anshan, 50 miles south of Mukden, would be one of the most serious blows the Communists could inflict on the Nationalist position in Manchuria.

Conference Of Commonwealth Nations

LONDON, Feb. 19, (UPA): The British Government is understood to have agreed to call a conference of Commonwealth nations including India, Pakistan and Ceylon. London has been named as the place for the conference which is likely to take place this spring.

The Prime Ministers, Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru and Mr. Liaquat A. Khan are expected to participate in this conference. It is also understood that the issues which are causing friction between India and Pakistan together with India's complaint over racial legislation in South Africa are suggested to be placed before a Conciliatory Committee of the proposed Conference.

PARTY MEETING

At a meeting of the members of the Pakistan Constituent Assembly belonging to the Congress Party, held this evening at the residence of Mr. Kiran Shankar Roy, leader of the Party, Mr. Sris Chandra Chatterjee, and Mr. Rajkumar Chakravarty were elected Deputy Leader and Secretary of the Party respectively, pending the final election of the permanent incumbents. The vacancies were caused by the resignation of Lala Bhimsen Sachar and Mr. A. N. Gujral, Deputy Leader and Secretary of the Party respectively, both of whom hailed from West Punjab.

FRENCH ASSEMBLY PASSES ANTI-PROFITEERING BILL

PARIS, February 19, (U.P.A.): The National Assembly today passed by 336 to 188 votes a drastic anti-profiteering bill setting penalties up to ten years' imprisonment and the possible closing of business of price speculators.

LATEST FROM CAIRO

CAIRO, Feb. 19, (Reuter): Fifty-two people including the President of the Kolta (Arab Nationalist Bloc) Party and its Secretary have been arrested in Tripoli, a new statement on the disturbances issued by the British Military Administration disclosed today.

Death in hospital of an Arab civilian brought the number of killed in the disturbances to four. Police and troops were still patrolling tripoli, and the dusk-ti-dawn curfew was being observed, the Statement said:

DELHI HONOUR TO NEPAL PREMIER

NEW DELHI, Feb. 19, (A.P.I.): The Government of India have conferred the honorary rank of Lieutenant-General in the Indian Army, on H. H. Maharaja Sir Padma Shumshere Jung Bahadur Rana, Prime Minister and Supreme Commander-in-Chief of Nepal, says a communique.

THREE IN CUSTODY AT SHOLAPUR

SHOLAPUR, Feb. 19, (A.P.I.): The police today took into custody three men—the Vice-President of the Hindu Mahasabha, Sholapur, a Sabha worker and a city Municipal Councillor. The police also searched their houses.

GOODWALA RELEASED

HUBLI, Feb. 19, (A.P.I.): Ten persons including Mr. R. H. Goodwala, a member of the Bombay Legislative Assembly, who were arrested following the imposition of the ban on the Muslim League National Guards organisation have now been released. The reeases, it is understood, were unconditional.

PAKISTAN CONSTIBLY MEMBERS

Congress members of the Pakistan Constituent Assembly from Bengal will leave for Karachi on February 21 by air to attend the coming session of the Assembly.

Mr. Kiran Shankar Roy, leader of the party will not be able to attend the session owing to indisposition.

Youth Of South East Asia Pay Homage To Mahatma

Pledge To Carry Forward Battle Of National Liberation Of All Peoples

CALCUTTA, Feb. 19, (API): The South East Asia Youth Conference commenced here this evening and will continue till the 26th. M Jean Leutassieur, personal Representative of the President of the World Federation of Democratic Youth, was elected Chairman of the Presidium, and the Mayor of Calcutta, Mr. Sudhir Roy Choudhury, inaugurated the Conference.

Nearly 80 Delegates and representatives, including observers from different countries from South East Asia, participated in the Conference. Representatives from Viet Nam totalled 6, China 7, Indonesia 8, Malaya 1, Burma 11, Ceylon 1, Pakistan 25, and India 18. Besides, representatives from Jugoslavia, Australia, France, Nepal, Great Britain, Canada and Czechoslovakia attended the session. A batch of 28 representatives from the Soviet Union is also arriving in Calcutta to-night.

Delegates carrying the flags of their respective countries were lustily cheered when they were introduced to the Conference. "Down with dollar imperialism", "Down with Dutch imperialism," "Down with French imperialism" "Down with British imperialism" "Students and youth of the world unite" and other slogans were shouted.

SALUTE TO MARTYRS.

The Conference at the outset adopted a resolution paying homage to the memory of Mahatma Gandhi.

The Conference also adopted a resolution saluting the comrades who had laid down their lives in the struggle against imperialism, for freedom, independence and democracy. It paid tribute to the countless young martyrs who had frittered away their lives in imperialist prisons, to the young workers, peasants and students shot down by police bullets, to the young heroes fallen on the battlefields of Viet Nam, Indonesia, and China and in the cause of anti-imperialist struggles in all the countries of South East Asia. The Conference pledged itself to carry forward the battle for the national liberation of all peoples and a democratic peace in the world.

One minute's silence was observed after each of these two resolutions.

MEET LIFE IN SPIRIT OF GANDHIJI.

Inaugurating the Conference the Mayor of Calcutta, Mr. S. C. Roy Choudhury, said that he wished the youth to meet life in the spirit of Mahatma Gandhi, whose authority rested not so much upon his knowledge and wisdom as upon love, faith and service, to which his life was dedicated. He advised the youth to have the desire to search and find the truth and to depart from and efface self, which was the very foundation of all education—to make allowance for people's shortcomings and never to be afraid of calling a spade a spade. "Sow your wild oats if you like, live dangerously and think dangerously if you will, but live up to the eternal verities of life," the Mayor added.

Speaking on behalf of the Indian Delegation, its leader, Mr Arabindo Bose expressed the hope that the conference would create a better understanding of the problems of the youth of various countries and forge new bonds of comradeship and unity with the youth movements of different parts of the world.

Messages to the Conference were read from Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, Mrs. Sarojini Naidu, Maulana Abul Kalam Azad, Thakin Nu, Prime Minister of Burma, Mr. P. N. Thach, Deputy Prime Minister of Viet Nam, Rajani Palme Dutt, and a number of foreign youth organisations.

News In Brief

CAIRO, Feb. 19, (Reuter): The Arab League has decided to send a commission to Sanjit Sanaa, Capital of the Yemen, to clarify the situation created by contradictory reports about the death of the Imam Yahya, the Arab League Political Committee announced today.

NAGPUR, Feb. 19, (API): The Government of Central Provinces and Berar propose to promulgate an ordinance soon to bring seventy lakh acres of fallow land under cultivation, Mr. R. K. Patil, Minister for Agriculture, disclosed at a press conference today.

KARACHI, Feb. 19, (API): The Sind Muslim Students' Federation will observe Friday February 20 as "Karachi Day" to protest against the proposed move to separate Karachi from the Province of Sind.

CALCUTTA, Feb. 18, (API): Mr. C. H. Derry, the American Consul-General, and Mrs. Derry arrived in Calcutta on February 15, Mr. Derry has already assumed charge of the Consulate-General here.

NEW DELHI, February 19, (API): The formation of a Communication Squadron of the Royal Indian Air Force has been announced by Air Headquarters, (India).

The Squadron which is located at Palam will be attached to No. 3 Wing, R.I.A.F.

KARACHI, Feb. 19, (API): The Deputy Indian High Commissioner in Pakistan, Mr. Y. Vishwanathan, left for New Delhi by air this afternoon to hold consultations with the Government of India. He is expected to return to Karachi next week.

NAGPUR, February 19, (API): It is learnt that the Central Provinces Government have offered to place at the disposal of the Central Government 40,000 tons of rice immediately for despatch to deficit areas.

SHANGHAI, Feb. 19, (Reuter): The Chinese Government are considering a conditional re-opening of the Yangtse river ports, including Nanking and Hankow, to foreign shipping carrying United States relief goods, Shunpao, one of the leading Chinese daily newspapers published here, said today.

PRINCETON (NEW JERSEY), Feb. 19, (UPA): According to police, two were killed and five were injured today in an explosion at the Frick Laboratories of Princeton University.

ATHENS, Feb. 19, (UPA): Dispatches from Patras said today that guerillas raided and looted three villages on the north coast of Corinth Gulf.

NUERMBERG, Feb. 19, (UPA): The American War Crimes Tribunal here today sentenced two former Nazi generals to life imprisonment and sent six others away for terms ranging from seven to 20 years.

MANILA, Feb. 19, (UPA): The Military Police reported today that a bandit gang held up a number of buses and trucks at the village of Lomboy in Sam Jose area on the evening of February 18 and killed four persons. Those killed by the bandits were identified as the police chief and three soldiers. About 300 persons aboard 38 vehicles were lined up and robbed.

REHABILITATING KASHIMR REFUGEES

Govt. Sets Up Three-Man Advisory Committee

NEW DELHI, Feb. 19, (API): The Government of Jammu and Kashmir have placed at the disposal of the rehabilitation committee a sum of rupees five lakhs to intensify the work of rehabilitating the refugees.

A three-man advisory committee has been set up to examine the plan prepared by the rehabilitation committee and submit its recommendations to the head of the administration for approval.

The Government has decided to give fuel-wood free of charge from state forests to those who have been rendered homeless.

Soviet Refusal To Co-operate On Korean Issue

LAKE SUCCESS, NEW YORK, Feb. 19, (Reuter): Soviet refusal to co-operate in any way with the United Nations' Commission in Korea sent there by the United Nations General Assembly to prepare elections, was stressed by Mr. K. P. S. Menon, Indian Chairman of the Commission in a report to the Interim Committee (Little Assembly) today.

Mr. Menon said:—

"The Korean people have been hankering after their independence and will not brook any further delay in its consummation. The Koreans are tenacious of their unity.

Korea is ready for independence". On this point Mr. Menon declared "I, as an Indian, should not use the phrase ready for independence". Our own independence struggle was conducted on the principle that no country is fit to judge whether another country is fit for independence. Independence is a nation's birthright and Korea must have it."

Gandhiji's Last Discourse

A famous American author and journalist, who hoped to become Gandhiji's disciple, describes the tragic end of hi pilgrimage to India in the next issue of the "Bombay Chronicle Weekly". A must-not-be-missed article.

Britain's Housing Drive

A pictorial feature showing how a London Borough rehouses its people.

Kasturba

A tribute on her fourth death anniversary which falls next Sunday. "She was something of a Mahatma herself"

And a two-colour reproduction of the "Holy Fire"—a painting of Gandhiji's cremation done on the spot by a Czechoslovakian artist.

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TWO BR. SOLDIERS SHOT IN JERUSALEM

Terrorist Outrage In Heart Of Sacred City

JERUSALEM, Feb. 19. (Reuter): Two British soldiers were shot in the back by a Jewish terrorist in a crowded main street in the heart of Jerusalem today. One died and the other was seriously wounded.

The soldiers were stated to have been strolling along the Jaffa road with their rifles slung over their shoulders when the terrorist crept up behind them and shot them with a pistol.

TRAINING FOR HAGANAH

VIENNA, Feb. 19. (Reuter): Jewish sources here said today 1,000 young Jews mostly from Rumania and Poland were being trained in Austria for Haganah, the Jewish Defence Force in Palestine.

More than 20,000 young Jewish displaced persons were still awaiting training in the western zones of Austria, they said.

The six to eight weeks course included partisan tactics, sabotage gymnastics and theoretical training in the use of all modern weapons, especially bombs.

Each group was sent to Palestine by underground channels as soon as it had finished its training, the sources said.

MADRAS TO TAKE OVER BANGANAPALLE

MADRAS, Feb. 19. (A. P. I.): Banganapalle State will be taken over by the Madras Government tomorrow following the Nawab's decision to merge the State into the Province of Madras, it is officially announced this evening. The State will be a part of the Kurnool District and be administered by the Collector.

Mr. V. N. Kudva, first Member of the Madras Revenue Board, will be present at the ceremony at Banganapalle tomorrow, organised for the formal handing over the State.

Listowell In Singapore

SINGAPORE, Feb. 19, (Reuter): Lord Listowell, Minister of State for Colonial Affairs, arrived in Singapore today from Colombo by the first B.O.A.C. Lancastrian air liner to open a regular weekly air service between Colombo and Singapore.

Lord Listowell will stay in Singapore for two days and will then tour the Malayan Federation for a week. He will attend the ceremonial opening of the new Legislative Council of the Federation of Malaya at Kuala Lampur on Tuesday.

Mark Stevens Shines In Light Musical—Stark Realism In 'The Best Years Of Our Lives'—Shirley Temple Goes Dramatic In 'That Hagen Girl'

Mark Stevens —Attractive star of "...Who's Kissing Her Now"

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Strand

I WONDER WHO'S KISSING HER NOW (20th Century Fox)
Players: Mark Stevens, June Haver, Reginald Gardiner, Gene Nelson.
Director: Lloyd Bacon.

Joe Howard was an American composer who became popular at the turn of the last century. The present film, which purports to be his biography, is as light and pleasing as his catchy tunes. We are used to musical comedies being presented in the crinkly cellophane of Hollywood glamour which often beats its own purpose. Here, fortunately, is no attempt at glitter and the very lack of pretentiousness of the production imparts to it a natural and easy flow.

Unknown song-writer Joe Howard cuts his professional teeth when he discovers that Lulu Madison, the star who has been singing his first melody, "Hello! Ma Baby", has passed it off as her own. The incident leads to Joe touring with Lulu as her pianist. Katie, his young foster sister, an inveterate liar, follows them around, delighting in being the fly in the ointment, and becoming Joe's partner herself when he is forced to leave Lulu.

When Joe is in the throes of another romance, this time with Fritzi, a continental singer, Katie once again resorts to a trick that makes the star leave the show in the lurch before its Broadway opening. Joe becomes a wandering minstrel but is eventually reunited with Katie when, as Pat O'Dare, she makes a hit singing his special tune which gives the film its title.

The part of Joe Howard is all too slender, but Mark Stevens's attractive personality and surprisingly pleasing singing voice, make it effective. June Haver supplies most of the chuckles with her pranks and, if you ask me, a little too much pulchritude. Martha Stewart and Lenore Aubert are entertaining enough as Lulu and Fritzi respectively.

The songs are somewhat overplugged but are lilting enough to stand repetition. The title song is made into a lavish number by being executed variously in French, Russian and American settings wherein the dancing by Gene Nelson is particularly attractive, though June Haver scarcely matches his ability as his terpsichorean partner.

You'll come away humming.

Teresa Wright in "The Best Years of Our Lives"

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Metro

THE BEST YEARS OF OUR LIVES (R.K.O.-Radio)
Players: Myrna Loy, Fredric March, Dana Andrews, Harold Russell, Teresa Wright, Cathy O'Donnell.
Director: William Wyler.

Completely free of artificiality, this picture mirrors with fidelity the problems that beset the returned war veteran. There is no soft-pedalling of the disillusionment that hits them when they are confronted with the sad knowledge that their war record counts for nothing and they must begin all over again and provide collateral for any help given them.

We live the heart-break, disappointments, hopes and some joys of such men, through the persons of three servicemen, returning home to the girls they had left behind, on the same homebound plane. The sailor, having lost his hands when torpedoed, now wears hooks and mistakes his sweetheart's affection for pity. The airman, a bombardier captain, finds that his war romance has misfired, his flighty wife, who had been attracted by his rank, deserting him when he can find no better job than a soda-jerker's. The soldier, a sergeant, finds a ready welcome with his wife and two children who have grown up while he has been away. He is the one who, on returning to his old banking post, humorously but effectively administers a kick in the pants to those who insist on demanding collateral from veterans instead of placing faith in them and thus ensuring the country's future.

There is an over-dose of sentiments in the picture, but it by no means drowns the ring of sincerity back of the whole. Fredric March's anti-collateral speech in particular, delivered with gusto, drives home the point forcefully and to it may be attributed the main reason for his having been awarded the Academy Award for the best performance of 1946, though I for one did not think that the rest of his work as the returned sergeant merited him the award.

By far the finest and most natural performances come from Harold Russell as the disabled sailor and Cathy O'Donnell as his sweetheart. When you watch them, you see life itself in all its tenderness and pathos. As the disillusioned airman Dana Andrews's work is sound, but Teresa Wright, as the banker's daughter whom he wins in the end, does not provide a perfect foil for his rugged charm. Myrna Loy is sweetly—Myrna Loy, the screen's perfect modern wife, while Virginia Mayo is effective as the gaudy gold-digger.

Adapted by Robert Sherwood from Mackinlay Kantor's novel in blank verse, "Glory For Me", this photoplay presents a large slice of realism —minus the usual synthetic gloss.

It'll make you think.

SEEING THE SHOWS WITH "SARDI"

June Haver and Mark Stevens in a sprightly song number from "I Wonder Who's Kissing Her Now"

June Haver as she appears in "...Who's Kisssing Her Now"

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Regal

THAT HAGEN GIRL (Warners)
Players: Shirley Temple, Ronald Reagan, Rory Calhoun.
Director: Peter Godfrey.

Mother Grundy holds the stage, or rather the screen, in this modern melodrama. Her long tongue ferrets out two innocent people and messes up their lives by raising a mountain from a mole-hill. This sort of thing was interesting enough when Laura La Plante did it, goodness alone knows how long ago, in the silent "Scandal"; it was still not quite stale when repeated in "These Three" and "We Are Not Alone", but today, who on earth wants to hear small-town tongues gossiping? Don't you and I have enough of that from our neighbours?

Shirley Temple goes dramatic in this one, following the ancient rule that every comedian or clown must some time or other have a whack at "draahma". Ronald Reagan plays the mature male lead and Calhoun the youthful one.

"Miaon! Miaon!"

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SUNDAY MORNING SHOWS

Strand—10-30 a.m.: "I Wonder Who's Kissing Her Now"—Mark Stevens, June Haver.
Regal—10 a.m.: "The Desert Song" —Dennis Morgan, Irene Manning.

Rory Calhoun —Rugged young star of "That Hagen Girl"

States Not Free To Increase Army

Sardar Patel's Statement In Dominion Parliament

NEW, DELHI, Feb. 19. (API): In the Dominion Parliament today Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, Minister of States replying to Mr. Balkrishna Sharma said that Government had not fixed any specific limit nor was any limit fixed before 15th August, 1947 in respect of the strength of the armed forces of each Indian State.

Mr. Balkrisnna Sharma: Are the states free to increase their army to any limit they like?

Sarda; Patel: No.

Prof. Ranga: Are the states free to purchase arms and ammunition from abroad?

Ans: No. Only from the Government of India. Government have agreed to supply whatever arms and ammunition the Defence Department considers necessary.

Question: What are the functions of the Military Adviser attached to the States Ministry?

Ans: He has the authority to inspect State forces and scrutinise their requirements for arms and ammunitions and any changes suggested by the States concerned are examined by him.

POST OFFICES AND RAILWAYS

Answering further questions Sardar Patel said that under the standstill agreement with the states, arrangements in force prior to 15th August 1947 continued in respect of post offices, railways and armies of the states. The instrument of accession and the standstill agreement executed by the states stood together and they operated together.

Questions: Does it apply to Hyderabad state also?

Answer: Yes. For a period of one year.

Mr. Khurshid Lal: Will Government consider the desirability of keeping only one Indian army and asking the states to disband their army?

Answer: No. It is to the advantage of the Government of India to allow states to keep and maintain their own army at their own expense.

CONTROL OVER STATE FORCES

Mr. Jainarain Vyas: Can the army of the states be transferred by the Government of India to any other part of India?

Sardar Patel: Yes. It is so.

Questions: What is the control which the Government of India exercises over state forces?

Ans: In the internal use of the state forces no control is required but when they are used outside the state, such forces come entirely under the Government of India.

To further questions Sardar Patel replied that the standard of training of Indian states forces was subject to the Government of India's approval. The state forces were subject to the inspection of the defence department and they were free to ask for any information and the states were bound to supply the same.

AMENDMENT TO CINEMATOGRAPH ACT

Replying to Mr. Basant Kumar Das the Home Minister, Sardar Patel said that Government proposed to introduce a bill shortly for the amendment of the Cinematograph Act, 1918, in order to restrict to adults the exhibition of films not considered suitable for children and adolescents. It was proposed to define adults as persons over eighteen years of age.

Answering Mr. V. C. Kesava Rao, Sardar Patel said that the covenant signed by the rulers of Kathiawar States provided for the setting up of a constituent assembly in the manner indicated in the covenant itself. The Kathiawar Constituent Assembly so set up would frame a constitution for the United State of Kathiawar (whether of unitary or federal type) within the framework of the covenant and the constitution of India, and providing for a Government responsible for the legislature. The question of democratising the states which had been merged with the neighbouring provinces did not arise as they would have the same administration as the province in which they had merged.

Sardar Patel said that the military forces of the individual states of Kathiawar would, as from the date on which the administration of such states was made over to the new state, become the military forces of the United States of Kathiawar. The states which had opted for merger with provinces had no military forces.

NIZAM'S BAN ON INDIAN CURRENCY

Sardar Patel, replying to Mr. Lal Mohan Pati, regarding the ban imposed by the Nizam's Government on the circulation of Indian currency in the Nizam's territories, said that the Government of India had already informed the Hyderabad Government that the ban amounted to a breach of the standstill agreement. The whole matter was, however under negotiation with their representatives.

JUNAGADH MATTER SHOULD BE CLEARED FIRST

Zaffrullah Denounces Indian Activities At U. N. O.

LAKE SUCCESS, Feb. 18 (U.P.A.): The Security Council heard the 80-minute Pakistanian denunciation of Indian activities in Junagadh and then recessed the hearings until February 26 when Indian delegate M. K. Vellodi requested time to consider his reply.

Zafrullah Khan devoted most of his speech to recitation of complaints and counter-complaints between Karachi and New Delhi last September, October and November and emphasised especially the formation of a provisional government of Junagadh by Samaldas Gandhi. Khan said that Nehru had disclaimed Indian assistance in this but said that Gandhi had later proclaimed "all honour goes to Patel who was kind enough to give me every guidance and co-operation." Khan quoted Samaldas Gandhi as threatening death to any Moslems voting against Junagadh's accession to India in the proposed plebiscite.

Khan charged that while the matter was before the Council India has proceeded with plans for a plebiscite "which could not be free under present conditions." He invited members of the Council to draw their own parallels between Junagadh and Kashmir situations, on which he implied that Indian attitude was inconsistent. He said Pakistan would agree to a plebiscite but only after the withdrawal of Indian forces from Junagadh and Manavadar and the restoration of the rulers thereof. He said that Pakistan would demand compensation to the Moslems "who have suffered at the hands of Indian armed forces since occupation." He charged that Moslem merchants in Junagadh have been "ruthlessly plundered and looted and many of them massacred by the forces of the Indian Union.

Khan outlined lengthily incidents relating to Junagadh, Manavadar and Mangrol and landed estates of Bariawad, Bantva and Sardargadh. At the conclusion of Khan's speech, Vellodi asked what Pakistan proposed to do about the other complaints in the same document before the Council. Khan replied that he would prefer to clear up the Junagadh matter first and then discuss the issue of genocide.

Council Chairman McNaughton agreed that Junagadh should be considered fully before proceeding with the other Indian disputes. McNaughton suggested the next hearing for February 25, but Khan pleaded prior engagement and hence McNaughton set for February 26.

Pakistan Delegates Leave America For Karachi

NEW YORK, Feb. 19 (U.P.A.)—Three officials of the Pakistan Government who had attended Security Council hearings on Kashmir left today for Karachi.

The party included Dr. Mohammed Kasim, Pakistan Advocate General Doctor Tasir and Sirdar Ibrahim.

Ibrahim said Sheikh Abdullah's contention that a Kashmir plebiscite would find the people desiring an alliance with India as "nonsense". He said the economic future of Kashmir depends upon Pakistan rather than India because all transportation routes lead through Pakistan.

He maintained that since Gandhi's death things have "definitely been better" because Hindu organizations designed to kill Moslems have been outlawed.

"There is a feeling that there will be more communal harmony", Ibrahim said. "Gandhi stood for peace and communal tolerance but was himself a victim of intolerance."

CONTROVERSY OVER ANTARCTIC ISLANDS

LAKE SUCCESS, Feb. 18 (U.P.A.): A spokesman of the British delegation to the United Nations said today that it was possible the United Kingdom may bring the controversy with Argentina and Chile over Antarctic Islands to the Security Council if all other means of negotiation were fruitless.

While stressing that the delegation has received no indication of such an action, the spokesman, who declined to be named, pointed out that attempts to place the dispute in the hands of the International Court have been rejected by Argentina and Chile.

He said: "We want to avoid a unilateral action by all means and not to close the door to further negotiation."

LONDON:- (IPS) In the next four years, Britain will spend about £ 50 million on building scores of technical colleges and expanding hundreds more. Most of the new colleges will be in Midlands and North East in London. The British Government aim to turn out thousands of skilled students to food the industry and fight the economic battles.

Mrs. Ambalal Sarabhai opened the Home Industries exhibition on Thursday evening at the Convocation Hall.

16 KILLED IN PLANE CRASH

BRISBANE, Feb. 19. (Reuter): Sixteen people were killed when a 'Lincoln' bomber flying from Laverton, Victoria, to Amberley, about 30 miles from Brisbane, crashed at Amberley today.

One wing struck the aerodrome runway, and the plane blew up.

INDIAN DELEGATION BUSY AT DELHI

NEW DELHI, Feb. 18. (A.P.I.): Mr. N. Gopalaswamy Ayyengar, leader of the Indian delegation to the U. N. O. Mr. M. C. Setalwad and Sheikh Abdulla members of the delegation since their return to the capital have held discussions with the Prime Minister and today addressed a meeting of the Congress Party in the Dominion Parliament on the Kashmir issue.

It is believed that since Mr. Ayyengar's return the Cabinet have already discussed the problem and further discussions will taken place.

Meanwhile lobby reaction to the Kashmir issue is of robust optimism and quiet confidence. It is stated that militarily there were definite signs of improvement and in political sphere as the Prime Minister had already stated, there was no intention to withdraw the complaint from the Security Council despite what appeared to be a strange procedure adopted by the Council. India would continue to impress upon the Council the immediacy of bringing about conditions for cessation of the fighting while other issues raised by Pakistan should necessarily take a secondary place.

Rajghat Cremation Scene

Oil Painting For Public View

BOMBAY, Friday.

A huge oil-painting executed on the spot byv Prof. K. Shara, a Czechoslovakian artist, will be on view at the show windof of New Book Co., Hornby Road from tomorrow (Saturday), for a week.

Prof. K. Shara is well-known for his works in Europe as well as in this country and being empressed by the historic scenes, at Delhi, has utilized his canvas for depicting the "Holy Fire"—Namely the Mahatma's cremation, with unprecedented crowds paying their cast homake on Raj Ghat on the evening of January 31.

"WAR IS COMING"

Orissa Premier Calls For Military Training

CUTTACK, Feb. 18. (A.P.I.): A plea for imparting military training on a large scale to the people of India and imbibing military discipline among them was made by the Orissa Premier, Mr. Harekrishna Mahatab, addressing the cadet and officers of the first Utkal Battalion, University Officers Training Corps, at a parade held on the University grounds today.

Mr. Mahatab said that all those who followed the trend of the U.N.O. could know how things were drifting". Very soon a large-scale war is coming over this world, and by that time we must get ready; otherwise we are undone", the Premier said.

"UNFLINCHING DEVOTION TO NIZAM"

Accused Person's Contention In Hyderabad Bomb Case

HYDERABAD (Dn.), Feb. 19. (A.P.I.): Arguments began in the court of Mr. Justice Mohammed Murtaza Khan in the case against Narayan Rao, Gundiah and ten others arising out of the attempt on the life of His Exalted Highness the Nizam on December 4 last.

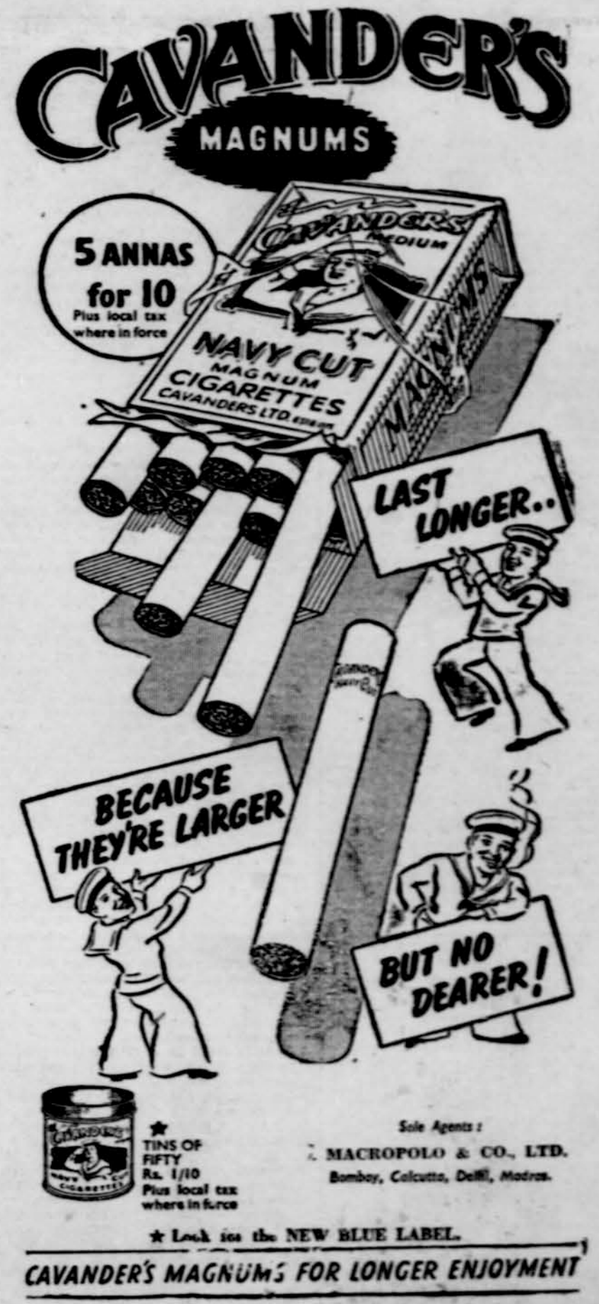
Mr. Ramlal, Defence Counsel, drew the attention of the court to four points which required to be explained in the light of the evidence. These were (1) whether Narayan Rao threw the bomb with the intention of doing harm to the person of His Exalted Highness; (2) or according to the statement of the accused, he only wanted to "find an access to H.E.H. the Nizam, in order to place before him the true state of affairs by creating a sensation" (3) what factors led to the commission of the act; and (4) what circumstances had contributed to make the accused carry out the intention.

Counsel cited the statement of the father of Narayan Rao, who had stated in the court that he regarded the King as next in reverance to God. Brought up in such an environment, counsel continued, Narayan Rao could not harbour any ill-will against the ruler. Instead, he had unflinching devition to his person.

At this stage His Lordship drew the attention of the defence counsel to the fact that Narayan Rao did not mention in his statements that he had "unflinching devotion to the Nizam."

Questioned thereafter whether he had 'devotion to the H.E.H. the Nizam' Narayan Rao replied in the affirmative, which was recorded.

Arguments were not concluded when the court rose for the day.



Optimism On Export Picture Hardens New York Cotton Prices

JANUARY CONSUMPTION BELOW EXPECTATIONS

NEW YORK, Feb.18— Prices rallied spiritedly in the last hour today rebounding to broadening trade and speculative demand and encouraged by the sharp rally in grains and the brightening prospects that the long awaited improvement in export buying may be at hand. Prices soared as much as dollar 2.75 per bale from the lows with nearbys closing within a narrow margin of the day's best level. Optimism on the export picture was encouraged by rumours that the army was about ready to buy 150,000 bales for Japan plus the German inquiry for 58,000 bales and President Truman's recommendation to Congress for 570,000,000 dollars for aid programme to China. Buyers recalled that China earlier this week was reported to be inquiring for 100,000 bales immediately and an additional 100,000 bales for later shipment. Early approval of the aid programme would materially enhance the prospects of such purchases, buyers contended.

Prior to the final upswing, the market was quiet and irregular, sensitive to small orders either way, influenced mainly by erratic fluctuations in grains.

BRISK RALLY

Today's session opened 10 to 33 points lower. Prices rallied briskly toward the end of the first hour as liquidation and hedge selling subsided. Prices eased temporarily with grains in the mid-afternoon and then surged up in the last hour under broad-scale buying and covering influenced by export news and sharp reversal in grains. Finally, the prices were eight to 17 higher. Despite the widening discount of March under May, leading spot interests were not too aggressive about absorbing March liquidation.

Technicians believed that the difference would have widened to around 40 points providing a carrying charge of about 20 points monthly before spot interests would consider the spread fully attractive. The early selling was based on the smaller January consumption than expected and evidence of renewed hesitancy among buyers in the textile market. The Census Bureau showed January disappearance at 860,202 bales or 10,000 bales under expectations. This figure is compared with 753,406 bales in December and 949,994 bales in January last year. The consumption in the first six months of this season totalled 4,637,371 bales against 5,213,413 bales during the same period last year.

Dealers expect nervous and irregular markets pending developments in the export picture and adjustments in March delivery.

NEW YORK COTTON

NEW YORK, February 18:

March	31.99+17
May	31.98—13
July	31.75+17
October	29.55+08
December	29.38+19
March	28.98+02
May	28.83+13
July	28.30+10
Middling Spot	33.07+30

NEW ORLEANS COTTON

NEW YORK Feb. 18:

March	31.92+16
July	31.71+27
October	29.53+13
December	29.22+12
Midding Spot	32.20+40

CONTROL OF CAPITAL ISSUES

Eight Companies Authorised To Sanction Under Scheme

NEW DELHI, Feb. 19, (A. P. I.): Consent for the issue of Rs. 2,63,24,600 in respect of eight companies was given during the fortnight ended February 2, 1948 under the control of capital issues scheme.

The following initial issues were sanctioned: Rupees twenty-five lakhs for manufacture of hydrogenated oil for soap industry; Rupees 12-1/2 lakhs for the manufacture of electric lamps; Rupees 11,99,600 to a concern of general merchants, agents and distributors; and Rupees ten lakhs each to two concerns for the manufacture of "Lithopone" and embroidery goods.

Free Inter-Zonal Movement Of Cotton Textiles

NEW DELHI, Feb. 19, (A. P. I.): Under General Permit No. 1 issued under the Cotton Textiles (control of movement) Order, 1946, the country was divided into a number of surplus and deficit zones which are not identical with Provinces, says a Press Note.

Thus the South Zone includes not only the Province of Madras, but Coorg, Madras and the States of Mysore, Banganapalle and Sandur, as a result of relaxation of the control over cotton textiles it has been decided that the movement of textiles will be free within a zone, and not within a Province as stated in the Press Note issued on January 19, 1948, while inter-zonal movement will continue to require the approval of Textile Commissioner.

Madras Gets Siam Rice

MADRAS, Feb . 19, (A. P. I.): The S. S. "Ormara" carrying 7,397 tons of Siam rice arrived at Cochin Port on February 17, 1948. From this consignment Travancore will get 5,500 tons and Cochin the balance.

Food Prices Five Points Up

NEW DELHI, Feb. 19, (A. P. I.): The Economic Advisor's All-India index of wholesale prices of food articles (base: year ended August 1939:100) for the Week ended January 31 1943, worked out to 355.0 as compared with 350.5 for the previous week and 292.0 for corresponding week of last year.

The average for January 1948 worked out to 348.5 as compared with 321.1 for the previous month and 290.6 for the corresponding month of last year.

CALICUT MARKET.

CALICUT, Feb. 19.

Coiryarn Beypore 155/165; Quilandy 180/190; Fibre Garbled 115; Ungarbled 105; Cocoanuts Raw 107; Dry 112; Cocoanut Oil 350; Copra Office 245; Dilpasand 250; Madrasnottam 270; Pepper Wynaad 730; Country 720; Dry Ginger Chernad 240; Ernad 225; Coffee Robusta 98; Timber Pali 60/65; Junglewood 25/30; Vellapine 40/45; Benteak 42/45; Teak 90/92/8; Mango Planks 3/3/4; Teak 10/15; Rosewood 17/20.

Wall Street Market Irregular

NEW YORK Feb. 18

Prices continued to be influenced by the trend in commodities, further unsettlement in those markets bringing further moderate selling though trading was light and the decline limited. Oils, rails, minings, chemicals, rubbers and steels were influenced by the irregularly lower tendencies. Steels reflected the news that the commodity decline would not deter the Congress of industrial organisations steel workers from seeking wage increases. Selected motors, farm implements and industrial equipments were among the steadier spots with Detroit industries back in production after the ending of the natural gas shortage which caused a three week interference in operations. The averages were industrials 167.88 and rails 48.84. Quiet attention centred in the action in commodities. Late rallies in grains and cotton produced little better feeling in stocks but the actual price benefit was very small with changes either way mostly covering, one dollar. American telephone was not affected by the regular quarterly dividend nor was Chrysler corporation by the announcement that cio autoworkers will seek a thirty cent hourly wage boost and other economic benefits as this merely confirmed recent reports. Discussing the narrowness in utilities and the unattractive prospects, some brokers pointed out that public utilities had been hard hit by the rise in operating costs and numerous companies reported that earnings fell in 1947. The averages closed mixed with the composite rate a very small fraction lower. The market closed irregular.

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE.

London, Feb. 18.

	£
Consols 2-1/2 p.c.	80
Conversion Loan 3-1/2 p.c. 1961	106-1/4
War Loan 3-1/2 p.c. 1952 and after	105-7/8
Funding Loan 4 p.c. 1960/90	113-7/8
Victory Bonds 4 p.c.	114
Chartered Bank of I. A. and China	11-1/16
Hongkong & Shanghai Bank (London Reg.)	116-1/2
National Bank of India	35
Mercantile Bank of India	25

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE.

NEW YORK, Feb. 18.

American Telephone and Telegraph	149-7/8
Amerex Holding Co.	24
Anaconda Copper Mining	31-1/2
Chase National Bank	33-3/8
Sinclair Oil Co.	15-3/4
Firestone Tyre and Rubber Co.	44-1/2
General Electric Co.	33
General Motors	53
Ingersol Rand	121-3/4
International Nickel	26
National City Bank of New York	37-1/8
New York Central Rail Road Co.	13
Socony Vacuum Corporation	15-3/4
Texas Corporation	53-3/8
Union Carbon and Carbide	97-3/4
U. S. Smelting Refining Mining Co.	43-1/2
U. S. Steel Corporation Common	70-1/8
Western Union Telegraph	19

BRITISH INDUSTRIES FAIR 1948

Facilities To Visitors

The United Kingdom Government is anxious to smooth the path of the country's trade quests to the British Industries Fair Bona fide visitors to the B. I. F may obtain the visa, without charge, on application to the nearest British Consular Officer. The visa will be valid for three months from the date of issue. It includes families (wives and children under eighteen years) even though they may travel on separate passports.

Special arrangements for ease of travel between the three Fair buildings have been made. Omnibus routes converge upon the buildings. In addition Early Court and Olympia have direct access to the Underground railway system.

The Board of Trade are staffing special enquiry bureaux where buyers and exhibitors can obtain information regarding the various regulations affecting export trade.

A special corps of interpreters will be available at all three Fair buildings.

The Fair will be open each day, except Sunday, from Monday, May 3 to Friday, May 14, both days inclusive.

INVESTORS' ENCYCLOPAEDIA

The Investors' Encyclopaedia 1947 Edition, published by Messrs. Kothari & Sons, Armenian Street, Madras, deals comprehensively with banks, insurance companies, coal concerns, jute and cotton mills and other important industries whose shares are actively dealt on Bombay, Calcutta, Madras and other Stock Exchanges. The publishers have taken enough care to make it an uptodate reference book together with the review of share markets for the years 1946 and 1947. The publication gives rules and regulations of various Indian Stock Exchanges and also Income Tax, Super Tax and Excess Profits Tax rates and Schedule of Share Transfer Stamp duty in various provinces. This encyclopaedia is very popular among dealers in shares as it can be seen that it has been steadily increasing in size from its initial 300 pages in 1936 to the present 1000 pages. We have no doubt that the present publication will receive the usual warm welcome from the investing public. The price of Rs. 15 seems very reasonable.

BOMBAY MARKETS

BOMBAY, Feb. 19: All Bombay Markets remained closed today.

U.S. Textile Machinery For Mysore

PROVIDENCE (RHODE ISLAND), Feb. 19, (U. P. A.): The Kapila Textiles Corporation of Mysore is planning to operate a textile plant with machinery which is currently being shipped from this New England city to Madras.

Capital Flies From Hong Kong To Australia

SYDNEY (NEW SOUTHWALES), Feb. 19, (Reuter): Mr. Gilbert Harriman, former Vice-Chairman of the Hongkong Stock Exchange, today predicted a tremendous shift of British capital from Hongkong to Australia. Declaring that he was already transferring his own interests, Mr. Harriman added: Australia is a very secure country and the Australian pound is, to take the long view, very sound. People in the Far East are beginning to realise this. In this respect, I include both sterling and the gold dollar".

CHICAGO WHEAT

CHICAGO Feb. 18:

March	2.39¼
May	2.35¼
July	2.22 3/4
Sept.	2.20

LONDON WHEAT.

London, Feb. 18.

Australian Wheat (bulk) F. O. B. 137/6 Mar.-Apl. quoted.

LONDON BULLION.

London, Feb. 18.

Gold bars fine per oz. £8-12-3.
SILVER TONE: Market quiet.
Spot 45d. Forward 44-3/4 d.

Bijapur District Central Co-operative Bank Ltd.,

The Bijapur District Central Co-op. Bank Ltd. is celebrating the Silver-Jubilee function in the month of March or in the first week of April, 1948, on its triumphant completion of twenty-five-years of existence.

We give a brief account on the working and growth of this Bank from its start. It was in the year 1919 that this Bank came into existence. Bank started with a modest working capital of Rs. 63,745 out of which deposits and share capital amounted to Rs. 25,150 and Rs. 38,595 respectively. The share capital as at 30-6-1947 is Rs. 3,28,700 and the deposits exceed Rs. 28,64,000. The funds of the Bank show steady increase. The statutory reserve fund now amounts to Rs. 1,21,650 and other funds exceed Rs. 1,28,000. The working capital of the Bank stands at Rs. 39,31,348.

CALCUTTA STOCK EXCHANGE

Upward Trend

CALCUTTA, Feb. 19: The Calcutta Stock Exchange today has fairly maintained its upward trend with regard to its more speculative industrial issues. A fair volume of business took place.

The following are today's final transactions up to 2-30 p.m.:—

BANKS: Bengal Central Bank Rs. 11/6; Central Bank Rs. 84; Reserve Bank Rs. 108.

COTTONS: Cawnpore Textiles Rs. 10/15; Muir Mills Rs. 300 S. Lot; New Victoria Ordy. Rs. 5/5.

COALS: Bengal Rs. 545; Central India Rs. 9/10; Churulia Rs. 6/2; East Indian Rs. 37/8; South Karanpura Rs. 26/8; Burrakur Rs. 26/3; Equitable Rs. 44/8.

JUTES: Barnagore Rs. 262/8; Delta Rs. 670; Nuddea Rs. 100; Presidency Rs. 7/10; Reliance Rs. 81; Standard Rs. 306; Howrah Rs. 80/6; Kanknarrah Rs. 525 S. Lot; National Rs. 32/12 Ex. Div.

ENGINEERINGS: Burn and Co. Rs. 319; Indian Iron and Steel Rs. 33/12; Kumardhubi Eng. Rs. 10/12; Marshalls Rs. 6/15; Saran Eng. Rs. 10/7; Steel Corpn. Rs. 29/12; Steel Corpn. Pref. Rs. 130; Textile Machinery Rs. 10/1.

MISCELLANEOUS: Burma Corpn. Rs. 3/11; Consolidated Tin Rs. 2/2; Indian Copper Rs. 3/1; Karanpura Development Rs. 37/14; Tavoy Tin Rs. 1/10; Dalmia Cement Rs. 10/15; Sone Valley Cement Rs. 10/11; Alkali and Chemical Rs. 19/10; Calcutta Electric Rs. 27/2; Aluminium Corpn. Rs. 7/8; British India Corpn. Rs. 10/12; F. and C. Osler Rs. 12/1; Indian Aluminium Rs. 209; Indian National Airways Rs. 12/15; Jardine Henderson Rs. 176; Martin Burn Rs. 17/11; Rohtas Industry Rs. 11/1; British Burma Petrol Rs. 3/2; Titaghur Paper Rs. 42/12; Midnapore Zemindary Rs. 113; Assam Sawa Rs. 7/5; India Steamship Rs. 14/1.

SUGARS: Belsund Rs. 5/11; Champaran Rs. 28/2; Darbhanga Rs. 14/4. —A. P. I.

MADRAS STOCK EXCHANGE

Banking Issues In Demand

MADRAS, Feb. 19, (A.P.I.): The feature of the day's trading was the keen enquiry for all banking issues. Indian Bank all issues gained about five points and Travancore Bank were higher at Rs. 29 8. Tea shares were steadier, but rubbers were dull.

The market closed fully steady.

The following are today's quotations:—

SUGAR AND BREWERIES:—Deccan Rs. 22/12; Mysore Rs. 57; Travancore Rs. 15/8; United Breweries Rs. 207.

PLANTINGS: Balmadies Rs. 1/10; Blue Mountain Rs. 2/9; Cochin Malabar Rs. 9; Highland Produce Rs. 29/14; Kalsa Rs. 14/11; Midlands Rs. 7/14; Nilgiri Teas Rs. 9/7; Peermade Rs. 47; Pullangodes Rs. 1/9; Rajagiri Rs. 4/10; SHEVEROYS Rs. 16/6; Thirumbadi Rs. 2/15; Vaikundas Rs. 8/7; Waterfalls Rs. 2/15.

TEXTILES:—Balasubramania Rs. 39/8; Bangalore Woollen Rs. 270; Buckinghams Rs. 327/8; Cambodias Rs. 11/12; Coimbatore Rs. 120; Pioneer Rs. 109; Lakshmi Rs. 96; Maduras Rs. 464; Metturs Rs. 295; Mysore Silk Filatures Rs. 10/6; Pankajas Rs. 98; Radhakrishna Rs. 148; Rajalakshmis Rs. 63; Ranga Vilas Rs. 55/8; Vasantas Rs. 109/8.

MISCELLANEOUS:—Aluminium Industries Rs. 8/2; Andhra Cements Rs. 76; India Cement Rs. 14; Ind. St. Rollings Rs. 10/5; Mettur Chem. Rs. 10/4; Mysore Chem. Ferts. Rs. 12/12; Spencer Rs. 11.

BANKS:—Indian Rs. 282/8; Indo-Commercial (cd.) Rs. 63; Travancore Rs. 9.

AHMEDABAD SHARES

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

AHMEDABAD, Feb. 19.

The market ruled firm, general trend being upward. There was some profit selling. But offerings were well absorbed.

Calico opened Rs. 1,472; highest Rs. 1,481; closed Rs. 1,478; Ambika opened Rs. 463; highest Rs. 465; closed Rs. 464; Arvind opened Rs. 1,697; highest Rs. 1,708; closed 1,705; Deffered opened Rs. 1,853; highest Rs. 1,877; closed Rs. 1,869.

CLOSING QUOTATIONS: Arvind Rs. 1,705; Ambika Rs. 464; Calico Rs. 1,478; Jujiter Rs. 416; Marsdon Rs. 216; Monogram Rs. 186; Deffered Rs. 1,869; Vijal Rs. 625; Rajnagar Rs. 1,869; Bijay Rs. 625; Rajnagar Mahalaxmi Rs. 680; Marsdon Commission Rs. 567-8-0.

Yarn Merchants Association

The Election of the Managing Committee of the Yarn Merchants' Association will be held on Friday between 12 noon and 4 p.m.

ITALIAN ART-SILK YARN.

BOMBAY, Feb. 19.

150 D. Feb.	8 11 6
150 D. March	8 7 0
120 D. Ready	9 6 0
SHIPPING	
P. & O. Steam	53/9
Ind. Gen.	11 nom.

—Reuter.

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

Depressed Tone

LONDON, Feb. 19, (Reuter): General uncertainty as to the outcome of the Federation of British Industries and Associates' plan for checking the inflationary tendency is still curbing business on London's Stock Markets.

The Kaffir section was again responsible for some bright spots as the result of buying by local operators and from the Cape. Later, however, this section quietened and occasionally lost some of the earlier gains. Middle Wits experienced profit-taking, closing one and three higher on the day at 35 shillings after touching 35/9.

Industrials displayed a marked downward trend with irons and steels mostly affected. Tube Investment declined 3 shillings to 120 shillings and elsewhere widespread losses of up to nine pence were recorded.

The Oil section followed the general trend and drifted lower with Anglo-Iranian losing one-eighth to 8-9/16. Interest in the Giltedged section was mainly confined to short-dated issues which generally showed improvement of 1/16.

In the foreign bond market Saarbrucken six per cents received some attention on the possibility of France, in assuming responsibility for the Saar, taking over the commitments of this loan which closed quietly firm at 70. There was also speculative buying for German potash bonds with six and half per cents, six points higher at 54.

Closing Prices

	£
2-1/2 p.c. B. Consols	80-1/8
3-1/2 p.c. Conversion Loan 1961	106-1/8
4 p.c. Fund Loan 1960/90	113-7/8
3-1/2 p.c. War Loan 1952	103-15/16
3 p.c. War Loan	103-7/8
4 p.c. Vic. Bonds	114
3 p.c. Saving Bonds	100
3 p.c. British Transport	98-3/8
INDUSTRIALS.	
Asso. Portland Cement	66
Bri. Amer Tobacco	5-9/16
Bri. Celanese	22/3
Cal. Elec.	41
Cal. Tramways	32/6
Carreras	5-1/2
J. & P. Coats	62/1-1/2
Courtaulds	40/3
Distillers	27/9
Dunlop Rubber	69/6
Elec. & Music	17/3
Fine Cot. Spin & Doub	29/7-1/2
Ford Motors	48/9
Imperial Chemical	45/3
Imperial Tobacco	5-5/16
Indian Iron Steel	47/6
Int. Nickel	50
Lever Bros. & Unilever	51/9
Marks & Spencer	69/4-1/2
Pinchin Johnson	52/9
Standard Motors	33/6
Vickers	25/3
Woolsworth	81/4-1/2
TEA SHARES.	
Assam Consolidated	28/6
Assam Frontier	17/9
Assam	24/3
Dooars	44/6
Emp. of India & Ceylon	20/9
Imperial	35/6
JUTE SHARES.	
Barnagore	21 nom.
Samnuggur	60
RUBBER SHARES.	
Ang. Dutch Plant of Java	15/9
Gula-Kalumpong	17/6
Invest Trust	24/9
MINING SHARES.	
Burma Corp.	3/9
Crown	4-3/4
Nundydroog	16/3
Spring	10/1-1/2
Sub-Nigel	4-3/4
Tavoy Tin	2/3
Union Corp	282/9
Con. Tin Burma	3/6
Indian Copper	4/6
OIL SHARES.	
Anglo-Iranian	171/3
Attock	26/10-1/2
Burma	71/10-1/2
Mexican Eagle	15/7-1/2
Trinidad Leasehold	32/6
Royal Dutch	21-1/2
Shell Transport	3-29/32
Venezuelan Concession	113/9

Chinese Reparations Demand On Japan

NANKING, Feb. 18 (Reuter): The Chinese Government was reported today to have reduced its reparation demands on Japan from cent 625,000,000 to bring them into line with the recommendations of the Far Eastern Commission. One source spoke of a possible cut to cent 375,000,000.

The Chinese Government, however, will maintain its stand on the complete destruction of aviation and military establishments in Japan.

AURANGABAD ARRESTS

AURANGABAD, Feb. 18, (A.P.I.): Following Monday's bomb incident in the city, the police yesterday raided several houses of prominent State Congressmen and suspected Communists, who are either behind the bars or in underground, and seized some incriminating literature.

SUSHILA NAYYAR TO TOUR INDIAN STATES

NEW DELHI, Feb. 19 (UPI).—Dr. Sushilla Nayyar will shortly be touring some of the Indian States in connection with the mission for recovery of abducted women—a programme which Gandhiji had wanted her to take up shortly before his death.

The Tragedy And After

Forward To Our Goal!

By M. C. MENON

In the gruesome assassination of Mahatma Gandhi, the world has lost a great saint and teacher. But our poor India—she has lost her most cherished treasure, her most beloved leader, who successfully led her from the throes of slavery to the dazzling dawn of freedom. Time has produced heroes in other countries as well: but none has so far claimed nor received such universal homage as has been paid on an unprecedented scale to Gandhiji by a grateful world. To us Indians, thus, the blackest moment of the most poignant agony in our history is, strangely enough, also the moment of our most glowing pride. For, in the universal homage paid at the feet of the father of our nation, we discern the triumph of peace. The singular technique of this great revolutionary, his first practical demonstration of the theory of conquest by love expounded over two thousand years ago, now stands acknowledged as the only successful way out of the present turmoil the world over.

BOLT FROM THE BLUE

In my own little town of Erode, I distinctly remember how the news was received, and I am sure it is typical of every other part of India. It was after 6 p.m. and I had reached a restaurant in the town. An unusually large gathering was seen listening to the radio. I casually enquired what was the matter. People stared at me, and were silent. Not a smile; not a murmur. Somebody whispered in my ears—"It seems—Gandhiji—Gandhiji—". He broke off, unable to commit himself, hoping against hope, as it were, that what he had heard with his own ears would prove false. For the first time in my experience, I found winged rumour suspended in mid-air, hesitating, unwilling, to move forward.

The news was soon announced again. It was literally a bolt from the blue. People stood there, rooted to the ground, aghast, silent, unbelieving, with eyes glued on the microphone of the radio. It was as if their varied individual existence hung upon the next announcement of the radio.

As if by the operation of an electric switch, shops, restaurants and cinema houses closed their doors. No promptings came from anybody. In fact, nobody thought of it. It was one of those rare moments when the mob acts instinctively. The whole town, as far as eye could see, put on a deserted and melancholy appearance. Only a large crowd, swelling every moment, gathered round the radio, apathetic, ominously silent, ever-expectant. They were awaiting the speech of Pandit Nehru.

And when Jawaharlal did speak some incoherent words amidst his clearly audible sobs, people listened as I have never seen any crowd listening to any thing. Some one was seen distributing black badges. People accepted with indifference. It was for them quite superficial. No quantity of black cloth could express their feeling of wretchedness and anguish—the sincere grief and sense of desolation that took in its grip the unsophisticated mob.

It was a wonderful sight, and as I contemplated the eloquent sorrow of those dumb people, many of whom had not even seen Gandhiji alive, my own grief was replaced by an undescribable sense of irreparable loss and of emotional reverence and veneration for that great soul who could so inspire millions of his fellow-beings with that deep gloom, that real sense of heavy loss. And I saw with a glow of pride and a thrill of agony, how the various, conflicting elements that composed society stood there, actuated by the same feeling, bound by the same thread of brotherhood, lamenting together in silence and dejection their great common loss. Tears rushed to my eyes, and I felt a choking sensation as emotion surged up, as I thought the same scene being enacted in every town, in every hamlet of this great country—the most sacred, the most spontaneous homage paid to the Father of the Nation.

DARK SIDE OF THE PICTURE

But alas! I had seen but one side of the picture. The ugly manifestation of mob frenzy in its horrible unreasoned madness soon besmirched the sublime grandeur of that unforgettable scene. By the next morning crowds had swelled in every street. A turbulent, dangerous, agitated crowd, no longer gloomy or downcast, but dangerously vindictive and violent. Hooligan elements, ready to raise capital out of everything, were soon in action. Before the police could control the situation, a few shops were completely looted, and the Muslims' resorts in the park razed to the ground. The police took a strong line. The uprising was quelled: but—blood was spilt; and panic spread among the Muslims. Two things which never should have happened on that day of all days.

What harm had they done, these poor, helpless Muslims? To the glory of the community, and to the shame of Hindus, let it be recorded here, though it is an isolated incident, that throughout the Muslims were quiet and non-violent. Against the supreme tragedy of the day, this stinging irony stood out in bold relief: a Hindu mob attacking a defenceless, nonviolent Muslim minority.

The next day I saw a heart-rending sight. Many Muslim families were found gathered in the railway station, on their way to some of their relatives. The usual fez-cap and purdah were absent in many cases. Mortal dread and abject misery were written large on every pathetic countenance. August 16 had left this town undisturbed. The mighty convulsions of unrest and communal warfare which were shaking North India to its very foundation had no audible echo here. But, ere the glowing embers that had consumed the mortal remains of the greatest apostle of peace and communal harmony had died out at Rajghat, here, thousands of miles away, the clock was being put back by a century.

INSULT TO HIS SACRED MEMORY

Those miserable faces made a deep impression in me. What happened here, will fade into utter insignificance when compared to the virulent fire of hatred and destruction that swept North India. And yet how terrible it was! As I lay sleepless that night, looking at the starry heavens and recalling the soul stirring incidents of the most outstanding life that had just come to an abrupt end, I realised the real loss that we sustain in his death. Who will hereafter, by his mere dynamic personality, charm unruly rioters of Calcutta and Delhi into amity and concord? Was it not the greatest disrespect, the most stinging insult, to the sacred memory of his great soul, to have indulged, on the very morrow of his death, in activities the eradication of which constituted his one raging passion in life? At every act of violence, at every attempt at reviving communal hatred and intolerance, will not the apostle of non-violence and advocate of cominunal brotherhood turn in his graves? It will ever remain as a dark stigma on the tolerance and broad-mindedness of the Hindu community, that such a man was assassinated by a Hindu fanatic. But at least let others repent; and let us not disturb our father in his last peaceful repose, by relapsing into criminal follies from which his strenuous efforts of a whole life-time endeavoured to save us.

Whom shall we follow now? In this gloom and misery, amidst this heart-rending cries of anguish and despair from the throats of the poor millions, at the horrible spectacle of the revival of the cult of violence and fanaticism, to whom can we now turn and say with sublime confidence—

"Lead, kindly knight, amidst the encirling gloom,
Lead thou me on....."

NATION'S DUTY

There is but one. The dearest son and disciple of the Father of the Nation, Jawaharlal, the 'Jewel of India.' We can look up to him to lead the teeming ignorant millions of this unfortunate land, under the mystic of the great departed spirit, out of its present unenviable state of poverty and want, to prosperity and full-blooded nationhood.

What, then, is our duty? The world's eyes are on us. Let us, every one of us, give him our unstinted support. That is the only solace and inspiration that the noble soul can derive, already bending under the heavy burden of responsibility and sorrow. Byf everything in our power, let us help him, to lead us to our goal; to make us a mighty nation after his own generous impulse; to weave, out of the remnants of tattered shreds, a resplendent garb; to build up, out of discord and conflict, out of chaos and misery, a mighty state, answering in every detail to the lofty ideals of his generous heart. And let us tell him, in this hour of supreme crisis, "Go forward resolutely on your great mission of 'wiping every tear out of every eye, through thick and thin, in every crisis, we are with you!"

POLICE-COMMUNIST CLASHES IN HYDERABAD

HYDERABAD (Dn.) Feb. 18 (APD): According to a report received from Madira, a Communist mob opened fire on A.P.W.D. gang working on road. Police reinforcement soon arrived and in the exchange of fire the raiders are reported to have sustained seven casualties.

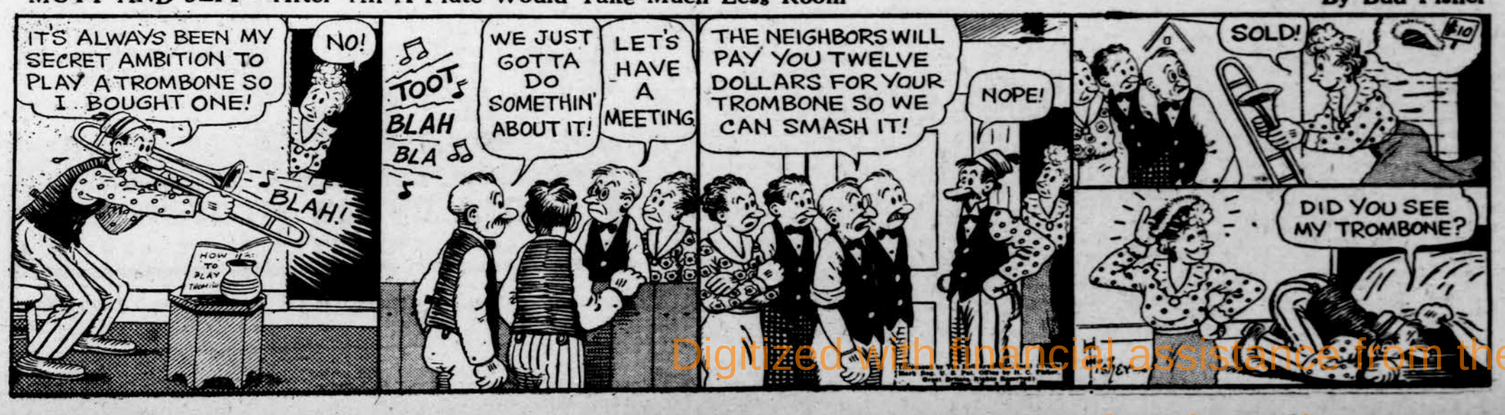
According to another report a clash occurred between the police and a large mob including Communists in village Vadlakundli in Jangaon district, which is reported to be one of the strongholds of the Communists.

It is stated that the police who were making searches cordoned off the village, but later found a mob surrounding the village. The exchange of fire resulted in the death of two Communists and two others were injured.

A party of armed Communists then proceeded to burn police jeeps and lorries when another engagement lasting two hours took place resulting in 20 casualties among the Communists.

According to a report from Kareem Nagar district, Communists attacked and looted a house at Hallepalli. At Medpalli and Dacharam, Communists were reported to have burnt village office records and belaboured the officials. Another report says that the Communists raided the village of Mollasal and looted half a dozen houses of business men.

MUTT AND JEFF—After All A Flute Would Take Much Less Room — By Bud Fisher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For Sale about 6 acres of land in Andheri (Bombay) situate on main road; water and electricity available nearby. Correspond Box No. 8146 "Bombay Chronicle."

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Diesel, Kerosine and Electric Pumping sets, portable or otherwise various sizes, highly suitable for Agriculture & Irrigation purposes, together with M. S. Tubes 4" & 6" dia & Hose Pipes for running unclean water, available for immediate & forward deliveries. Apply stating exact requirements to Box No. 7371 "Bombay Chronicle."

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PUBLIC NOTICES

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA, REGIONAL COMMISSIONER DISPOSALS,

Mercantile Chambers, Graham Road, Fort, Bombay.

THE AUCTION of American Steam Screw Tug 'Spedden' has been POSTPONED from 25th February, '48 to 1st April, '48. (7413)

PUBLIC NOTICES

DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF INDUSTRIES & SUPPLIES NEW DELHI.

TENDER NOTICE

THE DY. DIRECTOR-GENERAL of Supplies, New Delhi, invites tenders for the stores detailed below:—

Item No.		Store	Quantity
1	82337	Iron Tower Bolts 6"—12" Black Japanned.	1050 dozens
2	82337	Iron Sliding Bolts 10"	200 "
3	82337	G.I. Hooks & Eyes 8"	100 "
4	82337	Brass sliding Bolts 6"—12"	270 "
5	82337	Iron Catches for Ventilators	50 "
6	82337	Brass Hat Pegs	200 "
7	82337	Brass handle for drawers	100 "
8	82337	Iron Helical Door Spring 'V' shape 4"—6"	200 "
9	82337	Brass Door Latches with handles	25 "
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11	"	Hinges Brass Butt polished 1"—3".	1500 "
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14	"	Brass Hasps & Staples safety type 3"—6"	600 "
15	"	Iron Tee Hings 12"—14"	210 "

The stores are required at New Delhi.

The price of the tender forms is Rs. 6/- per set and is not refundable and forms are not transferable. Payment should be made in cash or by money order only to the Director General, Industries & Supplies, New Delhi, quoting tender No. and remitters full address on the coupons in case of money orders.

Tenders will be received upto 16-3-48. Applicants not already on the list of approved contractors maintained by this office, must state in their application for tender forms the name of their bankers.

Tender forms are also available for sale at the offices of the Directors of Supplies, Calcutta, Bombay and Deputy Director of Supplies, Madras and may be obtained by the tenderers from these offices on payment of tender fees direct to the officer concerned.

Samples of the stores offered against the above tender shall be sent to the Dy. Director General (Inspection) D.G.I. & S., Shahjahan Rd., New Delhi, free of charge and carriage prepaid for test and approval so as to reach him by 16-3-48. Reference of this office tender No. and date and firms name, etc. must be quoted on the labels attached with the samples. (7399)

TATA AIRCRAFT LIMITED,

P.O. Titaghur Air Depot, Titaghur, 24 Parganas, (Bengal).

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to all concerned that correspondence or communications intended for Tata Aircraft Limited, Poona Factory (6 CMU) should henceforth be addressed to Tata Aircraft Ltd., CMU Branch, at the Company's above address. 7392

GOVERNMENT OF BOMBAY.

ELECTRIC GRID DEPARTMENT TENDER NOTICE

SEALED TENDERS are invited for the supply of Relay and Meter Testing Laboratory Equipments for the North Gujarat Electric Grid Scheme to reach not later than 5 p.m. on 4th May, 1948.

Copy of the specification No. ELG/T-6 can be had from the office of the Electrical Commissioner with the Government of Bombay, Foreshore Road, Bombay No. 1 on cash payment of Rs. 25/- which will be refunded on receipt of a bonafide tender. Firms outside Bombay may, however, remit the amount direct by money order. If additional copies are required and are available, they will be supplied on non-returnable payment of Rs. 25/- per copy.

P. B. ADVANI. Electrical Commissioner with the Government of Bombay. (7374)

GOVERNMENT OF BOMBAY.

PROVINCIAL PROHIBITION BOARD.

APPLICATIONS are invited for the post of commercial Artist under the Provincial Prohibition Board, Government of Bombay, Salary: Rs. 150-10-220, subject to revision, with allowances admissible under rules. Higher initial pay may be given to a deserving person.

QUALIFICATIONS:—Candidate must—

(1) possess Diploma in Commercial Art, of the Government of Bombay,
(2) have at least three years' practical experience in an Advertising Studio,
(3) be good at Lay-out and Poster Design, with the technical knowledge of Block-making and Lithography, and
(4) possess good general education.

Applications must reach the undersigned before the 1st March 1948.

Date: 13-2-48.

SECRETARY, Provincial Prohibition Board, Old Custom House, Fort, Bombay 7388

NOTICE

SEALED TENDERS are invited, to reach the undersigned, before 5 p.m. on February 26, 1948, for supply from ex-stocks from Bombay, or elsewhere in the country, of spray dried separated milk powder and whole milk powder. Tenderers must specify the total quantity they can offer ex-stocks, place of delivery, size of pack, make of powder, approximate date of import in India, date of manufacture and price per pound, SEPARATELY for spray dried separated milk powder and whole milk powder. No offers may be sent for less than one ton.

Offers must be accompanied with earnest money by cheque payable to Milk Commissioner, Bombay or Treasury challan at the rate of Rs. 200/- per ton of quantity offered, of either variety.

D. N. KHURODY, Milk Commissioner, Dhobi Talao, Bombay.

18-2-1948. (7412)

PANCHGANI HINDU HIGH SCHOOL

REOPENS on TUESDAY, 24th Instant.

Children should arrive on the 23rd. For information ring up 22757 for Principal Pandit. (8160)

SECRETARY, WEST PUNJAB AND N.W.F.P. JOINT PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION, LAHORE.

INVITES APPLICATIONS separately for each post, on prescribed forms (obtainable free), accompanied by treasury or M.O. receipt for Rs. 5/- in each case (no fee from war service candidates who, if serving overseas, may apply on plain paper giving full particulars. They must also submit a certificate that their service has been recognised as war service). Last Date:—31st March, 1948. Posts:—Three permanent ASSISTANT TO THE PROFESSORS OF (i) ANIMAL HUSBANDRY, (ii) PHYSIOLOGY, (iii) SURGERY, in the Punjab Veterinary College, Lahore. Eligibility:—Subjects of Pakistan Dominion or of states falling within Pakistan, or Muslims from East Punjab, Delhi and Punjab States, or Muslim from other parts of India who have completed six months' residence in West Punjab. Government servants also eligible. Preference:—War service candidates. Qualifications:—(a) M.R.C.V.S. or B.V.Sc, of recognised Universities or equivalent qualifications. (b) Candidates possessing research and teaching experience will be preferred. Age:—Between 22 and 25 years relaxable under special circumstances justifying recruitment at a more advanced age and in favour of war service candidates. Pay:—Rs. 250-25-550-25-750 per month with a rate of pay during period of probation equal to Rs. 200/- per month. Full particulars on application. (7409)

SECRETARY, WEST PUNJAB AND N.W.F.P. JOINT PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION, LAHORE

INVITES APPLICATIONS on prescribed form (obtainable free), accompanied by treasury or M.O. receipt for Rs. 5 (no fee from war service candidates, who, if serving overseas, may apply on plain paper giving full particulars). Last date: 8TH APRIL, 1948. POST: PROFESSOR OF MIDWIFERY AND GYNAECOLOGY, KING EDWARD MEDICAL COLLEGE, AND MEDICAL SUPERINTENDENT, LADY WILLINGDON HOSPITAL, LAHORE. Eligibility: No restriction of nationality or domicile but the candidates must be able to teach the subjects in English. Preference: A Pakistan National or a Muslim domiciled in the Indian Dominion. Qualifications: (a) M.R.C.O.G. (London) with post-graduate surgical qualifications F.R.C.S. (England or Edinburgh) or M.S. of British or Indian Universities or equivalent qualifications, (b) Special Training in and four years teaching experience of Midwifery and Gynaecology in an institution of repute and good teaching experience. (c) Experience of research work an additional qualification. Age: Not more than 40 (or, in case of those engaged on contract basis, 46) years on 1st January, 1948, relaxable for Government servants and for those who have special experience or outstanding qualifications. Pay: Rs. 800-50-1500 p.m. plus Rs. 150/- p.m. as duty allowance as Medical Superintendent. Initial pay may be fixed at any stage in this scale according to age, qualifications and experience. In case of Non-Asiatics (who will be appointed on 5 years contract basis) overseas pay at £20/- to £30/- p.m. plus advantage of passage. Government servants eligible. Further particulars on application. 7411

PUBLIC NOTICES

G. I. P. RAILWAY—TENDER

THE CONTROLLER OF STORES invites Tender for the purchase of Moulding Sand burnt scrap. Forms obtainable from Stores Head Office, Gipstore Lane, Lower Parel, Bombay No. 13, at Rs. 2/- per Copy, not refundable. Money order or Cash only. Closing date 11th March, 1948, at 3 P.M. (S.T.) 7407

EAST INDIAN RAILWAY.

TENDER NOTICE.

Special items costing over Rs. 10,000/- Class I Contract.

SEALED TENDERS are invited for the following and will be received in the General Manager's Office, East Indian Railway, 105 Netaji Subhas Road, Calcutta on 3rd March 1948 at 12 o'clock noon.

Tender No. SP/F/EB2/XL.234/47-48 for the supply of 109 Nos. Lid White Metal to drawing No. XL. 234.

Tender forms and drawing can be obtained from the under-noted officials on payment of the following charges to the Treasurer, East Indian Railway, 105 Netaji Subhas Road, Calcutta and on production of his receipt when applying for the same.

(a) Tender forms at Rs. 5/- per copy from the Controller of Stores, East Indian Railway, 105 Netaji Subhas Road, Calcutta.
(b) Drawing No. XL.234, 212 and 240 at Re -8/- per copy from the Dy. Chief Mechanical Engineer, East Indian Railway, Lillooah.

Firms outside Calcutta may however remit the cost of the tender form to the Controller of Stores and that of the drawings to Deputy Chief Mechanical Engineer, East Indian Railway, Lillooah direct by Money order. No refund is permissible after payment.

Sealed tenders delivered by hand should be presented for registration in the General Manager's Office, East Indian Railway, 105, Netaji Subhas Road, Calcutta and then put into the Tender Box, outside the Deputy General Manager's (Works) room by Tenderer or his representative.

GENERAL MANAGER. 7405

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE

NOTICE IS GIVEN that Mr. ABDUL KARIM ALIMAHOMED has contracted to sell the undermentioned property to our client. Any person having any claim or interest in or to the said property by way of sale, mortgage, trust, lien, possession, gift, inheritance, lease or otherwise howsoever is hereby required to make the same known in writing to the undersigned at their Office at Jehangir Wadia Building, Mahatma Gandhi Road, Fort, Bombay, and to the Collector of Municipal rates and taxes within 14 days from the date hereof otherwise the sale will be completed without any regard to any such claim and the same, if any, will be considered as waived.

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY

ALL that piece of land with a bungalow, out-houses standing thereon known as "JINGOO LODGE" or "VASANT VILLA" in Khandalla, bearing Survey Nos. 27, 210 and 211, Entry Nos. 29, 275 and 276 City Survey Nos. 622, 622A, 623 and 623A, 623D and 624 and Municipal Nos. 154 and 367, Area about 2 acres and 2 gunthas, and bounded, on the East by a foot path and Government land, on the West by a public road, on the North by a foot path and on the South by Bara Mulla Bungalow.

Dated this 18th day of February, 1948.

MULLA & MULLA, Purchaser's Attorneys. (7404)

NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ASIAN FINANCE CORPORATION, LTD. and the Oriental Investment Co., Ltd., have contracted to sell to our clients the property of which particulars appear hereunder.

Any person having any right, title, claim, demand or share in to or upon the said property or any part thereof by way of sale, exchange, mortgage, gift, inheritance, lease, lien, partition or otherwise howsoever is hereby required to make known the nature of such interest in writing to the undersigned at Standard Building, Hornby Road, Fort, Bombay, within fourteen days from the date hereof failing which the sale will be completed without regard to any such claim.

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY.

ALL THAT piece or parcel of land with the messuages hereditaments and premises on Plot No. 8 of the Ballard Estate of the Trustees of the Bombay Port Trust, admeasuring 6224 (Six hundred twenty-two and four-ninths) sq. yds. or thereabouts registered in the Books of the Collector of Land Revenue Bombay under New Survey No. 9779 and Cadastral Survey No. 8-1187, Fort Division, and assessed by the Assessor and Collector of Municipal Rates and Taxes, Bombay, under 2(A) Ward No. 2652(9), Street No. 3 and bounded as follows that is to say on or towards the NORTH, SOUTH and WEST by other land of the said Trustees and twenty feet beyond that by a garden space and on or towards the EAST by Graham Road.

Dated this 18th day of February 1948.

CRAIGIE BLUNT & CAROE. Purchaser's Attorneys. 7414

PUBLIC NOTICES

EAST INDIAN RAILWAY.

TENDER NOTICE.

Annual Contract item costing over Rs. 10,000 Class I Contract

SEALED TENDERS are invited for the following and will be received in the General Manager's Office, E. I. Railway, 105 Netaji Subhas Road, Calcutta on or before 16-3-48 at 12 noon.

Tender No. SP/C/GB10/1171/47-48 for supply of 50,000 gallons Oil Castor Ordinary

Tender form with full particulars can be had from the office of the Controller of Stores, E.I. Rly, Calcutta, on payment of Rs. 10/- per copy to the Treasurer, E.I. Rly., Calcutta and on production of his receipt when applying for the same.

Firms outside Calcutta may, however, remit the amount to the Controller of Stores, direct by money order.

No refund is permissible after payment.

Sealed tenders delivered by hand should be presented for registration in the General Manager's Office and then put into the Tender Box outside Dy. General Manager's (Works) room by the tenderer or his representative.

Tenders will be opened in the office of the Dy. General Manager (Works), E. I. Rly., Calcutta at 12 noon on 16-3-48.

The tenderers if they desire may be present at the time of opening of the tenders.

GENERAL MANAGER. 7406

SECRETARY, WEST PUNJAB AND N.W.F.P. JOINT PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION, LAHORE.

INVITES APPLICATIONS on prescribed form (obtainable free) accompanied by treasury or M.O. receipt for Rs. 5/-. War service candidates serving overseas, may apply on plain paper if prescribed form not available but must provide full details; they pay no fee. Certificate in proof of War Service essential. Last date: 5TH APRIL, 1948. Post: ONE PERMANENT DENTAL SURGEON, WEST PUNJAB DENTAL HOSPITAL AND PRINCIPAL DE-MONTMORENCY COLLEGE OF DENTISTRY, LAHORE. Eligibility: No restriction of nationality and domicile, but knowledge of English essential. Government servants eligible. Qualifications: (i) Qualifications in Dentistry registerable under the British Dental Act or other equally high qualifications. (ii) Special training in one or the other branches of higher Dental Surgery. (iii) Experience in teaching dentistry for at least five years. Age: Not below 30 years on 5th April, 1948. Pay: Rs. 800-50-1500 per month plus an allowance of Rs. 250 per month. Initial pay according to age, qualifications and experience. For overseas candidates allowance of £25 to £30 per month and also advantage of passage money. Further particulars on application. Private practice not allowed. 7410

AUCTION SALES

SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES AT BAZAR ROAD, BANDRA.

Under instructions from Messrs. Matubhai Jamietram and Madan Attorneys for the Vendors Messrs. SORABJEE COWASJEE & Co., will sell by Public Auction on Sunday the 29th February, 1948, on the premises the following properties.

LOT NO. 1: At 4 P.M. (Jepany Villa property) (Near Chadoobhai Sanatorium)

All that piece of land admeasuring about 253 square yards with a building thereon situate at Bazar Road, Bandra and bearing Non-agricultural City Survey No. 487 and assessed by the Municipality of Bandra Ward A House No. 436.

LOT NO. II—At 4-30 P.M. (Coal godown) (Bazar Road, opposite to Oil Mill).

All that piece of land admeasuring about 180 square yards with structure standing thereon situate at Bazar Road, Bandra bearing Non-agricultural City Survey No. 238 and assessed by the Municipality of Bandra A Ward 570.

Further particulars and Conditions of sale may be obtained from Messrs. Matubhai Jamietram and Madan, Lentin Chambers Dalal Street, Fort or from the undersigned.

SORABJEE COWASJEE & CO. 123, Medows Street, Fort, Bombay.

Under instructions from the B. B. and C. I. Railway and in accordance with the provisions of Sections 55 and 56 of the Indian Railways Act No. IX of 1890, MENESSE & CO., will sell by Public Auction on FRIDAY the 20th February, 1948, at 2 p.m. (S.T.) at Carnac Bridge Goods Depot, Unclaimed unbooked and booked packages such as machinery, drums, iron articles, medicine, glassware, empty gas cylinders, wooden articles etc.

MENESSE & CO.

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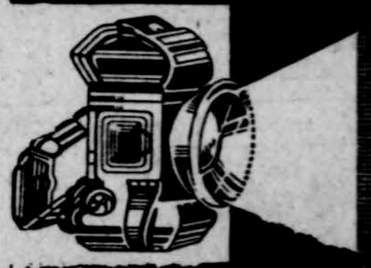
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